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IT IS almost eleven years since a European trophy went north of the border to Scotland.

Then it was Rangers who lifted the Cup Winners' Cup, five years after Glasgow rivals Celtic became the first British winners of the European Cup.

The nearest whiff of European glory since then came the way of Celtic in 1974 when they reached the Semi-Finals of the European Cup.

So it's been rather galling for the Scots to see English clubs literally dominate European club competitions in the past decade or so.

And nothing would please them more than to break England's stranglehold on the European Cup which has remained in the country for a record six successive years.

Melvyn Beck brings you the views of the stars bidding to bring Euro glory back to Scotland, and takes a brief look at the rest of the ties involving home country clubs.

FULL EUROPEAN DRAWS

EUROPEAN CUP

ASTON VILLA v Besiktas Istanbul (Turkey)
LIVERPOOL v Dundalk (Rep. of Ireland)
CELTIC v Ajax (Holland)

REST OF THE DRAW: Standard Liege (Belgium) v Raba Vasas (Hungary); Dynamo Berlin (E. Germany) v Hamburg (W. Germany); Hvidovre (Denmark) v Juventus (Italy); Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) v Dynamo Kiev (USSR); Monaco (France) v CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria); Vikingar (Iceland) v Real Sociedad (Spain); Avenir Beggen (Luxembourg) v Rapid Vienna (Austria); Hibernians (Malta) v Widzew Lodz (Poland); Omonia Nicosia (Cyprus) v Helsinki JK (Finland); Dynamo Bucharest (Romania) v Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia); Nenpori Tirana (Albania) v Linfield (N. Ireland); Olympiakos (Greece) v Ostersis (Sweden); Dynamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) v Sporting Lisbon (Portugal).

CUP WINNERS' CUP

COLERAINE (N. Ireland) v TOTTENHAM
SWANSEA v Sliema Wanderers (Malta)
ABERDEEN v Dynamo Tirana (Albania)

REST OF THE DRAW: Barcelona (Spain) v Appollon Limassol (Cyprus); Lillestrom (Norway) v Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia); Moscow Torpedo (USSR) v Bayern Munich (W. Germany); Baia Mare (Romania) v Real Madrid (Spain); Austria Vienna (Austria) v Panathinaikos (Greece); Inter-Milan (Italy) v Slovan Bratislava (Czechoslovakia); Gothenborg (Sweden) v Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary); Limerick (Rep. of Ireland) v AZ Alkmaar (Holland); Dynamo Dresden (E. Germany) v Boldklub 1893 (Denmark); Waterschei (Belgium) v Red Boys Differdange (Luxembourg); Vestnannaeyjar (Iceland) v Poznan

(Poland); Kwsysi (Finland) v Galatasaray (Turkey); Paris St Germain (France) v Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria).

UEFA CUP

MAN. UNITED v Valencia (Spain)
AS Roma (Italy) v IPSWICH
Moscow Spartak (USSR) v ARSENAL
SOUTHAMPTON v IFK Norrkoping (Sweden)
DUNDEE UNITED v PSV Eindhoven (Holland)
Borussia Dortmund (W. Germany) v RANGERS

REST OF THE DRAW: Glentoran (N. Ireland) v Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia); Utrecht (Holland) v Porto (Portugal); Progres Niedercorn (Luxembourg) v Servette (Switzerland); Benfica (Portugal) v Real Betis (Spain); Haarlem (Holland) v Ghent (Belgium); St Etienne (France) v Tatabanya (Hungary); Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia) v Adriaaraga (Austria); AEK Athens (Greece) v Cologne (W. Germany); Bilbao (Spain) v Ferencvaros (Hungary); Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) v Zurrieg (Malta); Palloseura (Finland) v Anderlecht (Belgium); Slask Wroclaw (Poland); v Moscow Dynamo (USSR); Lyngby (Denmark) v Brage (Sweden); Vorw Frankfurt (E. Germany) v Werder Bremen (W. Germany); Stal Mielech (Poland) v Lokeren (Belgium); Viking Stavanger (Norway) v Lokomotive Leipzig (E. Germany); Carl Zeiss Jena (E. Germany) v Bordeaux (France); Shamrock Rovers (Rep. of Ireland) v Fram Reykjavik (Iceland); Poak Salonika (Greece) v Sochaux (France); Craiova (Romania) v Fiorentina (Italy); Seville (Spain) v Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria); Larnaca (Cyprus) v FC Zurich (Switzerland); Dynamo Tbilisi (USSR) v Napoli (Italy); Kaiserslautern (W. Germany) v Trabzonspor (Turkey); Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) v Slavia Sofia (Bulgaria); Graz Ask (Austria) v Corvinul (Romania).

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'Match' columnist Gordon
Strachan of Aberdeen in
action against Rangers.



Celtic's Charlie Nicholas — "It's about time Scotland had another taste of European glory."

CELTIC are poised to challenge England's domination of the European Cup.

The Scottish Champions, with the proud distinction of being Britain's first winners of the coveted crown back in 1967, are in the mood to snatch it from the 'Auld Enemy'.

Young scoring star Charlie Nicholas underlines the determination in the Celtic camp when he declares:

"It's about time Scotland had another taste of European glory."

"If we can get over the First Round hurdle then I believe we could have a large say in the competition."

Celtic have to overcome the threat of Dutch Champions Ajax — a team in the throes of rebuilding with inspiration from the brilliant Johan Cruyff.

"It's going to be tough, but it can't be any tougher than Juventus at the same stage last season, and we only went out by the odd goal," says Charlie, back in scoring mood after spending most of last season

Rangers, the Scottish League Cup holders, face an awkward task in West Germany against Borussia Dortmund in the UEFA Cup.

But new £200,000 defender Craig Paterson is relishing the prospect of his debut in Europe.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge although I know it won't be easy against the Germans," he says.

"We've got a fairly young team at Rangers although several of the players have European experience and I'm sure we'll put up a good show."

"The club are desperate for success, especially in Europe."

Rangers, who went out to Czech army side Dukla Prague in the opening round of the Cup Winners' Cup last season, will be eager to avoid another early disappointment.

In-form Aberdeen, the Scottish FA Cup holders, have already skated through a preliminary round tie in the Cup Winners' Cup against Swiss side FC Sion.

And their next opponents, Albanian outfit Dynamo Tirana,



Dundee United's David Narey — "We are confident we can do well."

UPRISING!

on the sidelines with a broken leg.

"I know Ajax aren't the side they were when they won the Cup three times in the sixties, but they will provide us with a tough test."

"With 25 goals in five League Cup games, we have found the knack of scoring goals, albeit against inferior opposition, and it's not a bad habit to get into."

"I just hope we've got a few left up our sleeves for Ajax."

Dundee United, who carried Scotland's flag the furthest in Europe last season by reaching the Quarter-Finals of the UEFA Cup, also face Dutch opposition in PSV Eindhoven.

And United, disappointed by their exit to Yugoslavian side Radnicki after travelling with a 2-0 lead, are keyed up to go at least one round better this term.

Scottish international defender David Narey sums up the optimism at Tannadice:

"We hope to carry on where we left off last season — our disappointing performance in Yugoslavia apart."

"We feel we are at a slight disadvantage in facing Eindhoven at home in the first leg because last season we tended to produce our best displays away in the opening leg."

"But we are confident we can do well again in Europe. We've seen Continental teams on television and they have looked good but when you face them on the pitch they are not as good as you think."

shouldn't cause too many sleepless nights for Aberdeen boss Alex Ferguson.

South of the border, Liverpool and Aston Villa are summoning their efforts to keep the European Cup in England for a seventh successive year.

Neither side should face too much of an examination in qualifying for the second stage even though defending champions Villa are reeling from internal disputes and disastrous opening form.

Despite the problems and early crushing defeats at the hands of Sunderland and Everton in the League, Villa should dispose of unknown Turkish champions Besiktas Istanbul with the minimum of fuss.

Liverpool, chasing their fourth European crown, should do likewise against Republic of Ireland representatives Dundalk, even though the Irish side gave Tottenham a few frights in the Cup Winners' Cup last season before bowing out 2-1 on aggregate.

Tottenham, beaten in a rugged Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final clash by eventual winners Barcelona last April, face Irish opposition again in the shape of Northern Ireland Cup winners Coleraine.

Britain's other representatives in the Cup Winners' Cup, Swarisea, have already tasted European success for the first time by disposing of Portugal's Braga in a preliminary round clash.

Having broken new ground, they must surely have the ability to go at least one more stage at the expense of Malta's Sliema Wanderers.

There are more intriguing European ingredients in the UEFA Cup where Manchester United, Arsenal and Ipswich, in particular, face severe examinations of their experience and ability.

United, whose last taste of Europe two seasons ago ended in a First Round exit at the hands of Poland's Widzew Lodz, will be eager to put Spanish aces Valencia to the sword by building a commanding first leg advantage at Old Trafford.

But that won't be an easy task with Valencia boosted by the return of Argentinian World Cup star Mario Kempes after a lean time with River Plate in Buenos Aires.

He was Spain's top scorer in 1978 and 1979 but, during the World Cup this summer, he gave the impression of being a rather spent force at the highest level.

Linking up with Spanish World Cup players Miguel Tendillo and Enrique Saura, he could pose problems for United however.

Arsenal, who made a disappointing UEFA exit last season at the hands of unknown Belgian side Winterslag, won't be relishing a trip behind the Iron Curtain to meet Moscow Spartak.

It brings them up against Russian goalkeeper Rinat

Dasaev, hailed as one of the world's top 'keepers, along with fellow World Cup players Yuri Gavrillov, Sergey Rodionov and Oleg Romantsev.

And says Arsenal striker Alan Sunderland: "It's always difficult to go to Russia because it's so far to travel."

"Players normally look forward to European games because the travelling breaks up the routine, but Russia is a bit far."

"It's a tough draw to kick off, but if we are going to get through to the Final we have to meet all the best sides."

"I was guesting for a team in Australia during the World Cup Finals so I only saw highlights of the Russian games."

"But Spartak will be like all Russian teams, well disciplined and hard to break down."

Ipswich, UEFA Cup winners two seasons ago, also travel in the first leg to face Italy's AS Roma who boast three world class players in Roberto Falcao (Brazil), Bruno Conti (Italy) and Herbert Prohaska (Austria).

England's other representative, Southampton, now minus Kevin Keegan, have a less exacting test against Swedish club IFK Norrköping at The Dell.

But, remembering their disastrous 4-1 home drubbing by Malcolm Allison's Sporting Lisbon in last season's Second Round, the 'Saints' won't be taking anything for granted.

The signing of England goalkeeper Peter Shilton is a great boost to their bid.

BIG JOE'S HAT-TRICK

MANCHESTER City's England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan saved three penalties to enable his club to reach the final of the prestigious Barcelona tournament.

City defeated Cologne 9-8 in a penalty shoot-out and Joe's last penalty save came from his opposite number West Germany's World Cup 'keeper Harald Schumacher.

But City went down 3-1 in the final to Brazilian side Porto Alegre.

Full-back Bobby McDonald netted for City, but the Brazilian replies came from Edevaldo (penalty), Roberto and Cesar.

Although Argentinian ace Diego Maradona scored for Barcelona in the third place play-off, it wasn't enough to save them the embarrassment of finishing last in their own competition.

Norwich away to Lincoln in Trophy

NEWLY-promoted First Division sides Norwich and Watford face away matches in the Quarter-Finals of the League Trophy competition.

Watford travel to Reading, while Norwich visit another Third Division side in Lincoln.

The other ties feature Millwall against Bradford City and Chester against Newport.

The eight teams qualified from the pre-season tournament.

A new name is certain to appear on the trophy with last season's inaugural winners, Grimsby, being eliminated in a group headed by Lincoln.

The ties are to be played in the week beginning December 6.



Hans Van Breukelen — "I don't think he will have any problems in succeeding Peter Shilton," says Forest manager Brian Clough.

CLOUGH WINS HANS DOWN!

NOTTINGHAM Forest manager Brian Clough has no fears that Dutch international goalkeeper Hans van Breukelen will prove a more than adequate replacement for England's Peter Shilton.

"He's at the top of his trade in his own country and I don't think he will have any problems in succeeding Shilton," says Clough who paid Utrecht £165,000 for the 26-year-old schoolteacher.

The Forest boss is more than happy with the deal: "I've bought him for less than the fee I received from Southampton for Shilton and I found his personal terms astonishingly full of common sense."

DID YOU KNOW?

ENGLAND have played only three home internationals away from Wembley in the past 25 years.

They were against Wales at Villa Park in November, 1958; against France at Hillsborough in October, 1962; and against Poland at Goodison Park in January, 1966.

NORTHERN Ireland international John McClelland has played with clubs in all four home countries.

The defender played in Wales with Cardiff, Northern Ireland with Bangor, England with Mansfield and is now in Scotland with Rangers.

THE Milk Cup (formerly the League Cup) has proved a money-spinner for clubs over the years, but there have been exceptions.

Aldershot and Port Vale have never gone beyond the Second Round in any of the competition's 22 seasons; Rochdale in the last 20; Newport in the last 19; and Shrewsbury in the last 18.

MAGNIFICENT IRWIN

SWANSEA manager John Toshack admits he may have made a mistake when he appointed centre-half Colin Irwin club skipper on his arrival from Liverpool last season.

"Since Ray Kennedy took over as skipper, Colin's form has improved tremendously. Perhaps the responsibility was too much for him," says John.

The manager was talking after Colin had played a starring role in Swansea's opening day 0-0 draw at Notts County. "Colin was magnificent," said John.

"He's only 25 now and has the potential to become a very good player. I've got very high hopes for him."

Local boy Colin joined Liverpool straight from school but moved to Wales after failing to establish himself in the Anfield side.

Sir Matt resigns

SIR Matt Busby has resigned from the Manchester United board of directors for personal reasons.

The 72-year-old former manager, who will continue as the club president, recently resigned as vice-president of the Football League and FA Council for health reasons.

Gunners to make up the Lee-way!

NEW Arsenal striker Lee Chapman will go down as the most expensive internal transfer of the summer.

The 22-year-old has cost Arsenal £500,000 from Stoke after they had originally offered half that figure.

Stoke had requested £600,000 for their top scorer, but an Independent Tribunal placed a half million price tag on the big striker.

Arsenal also paid Cologne £500,000 for England striker Tony Woodcock, and the same figure will be paid for Yugoslavia's Vladimir Petrovic when he finally gets his release from Red Star Belgrade.

The Tribunal also fixed a price of £20,000 on striker Gary Stevens who has left relegated Cardiff for Second Division Shrewsbury.



Charlton defender Terry Naylor comes in for some close marking from nurses Teresa Phipps (left) and Susan Bishop in Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Woolwich, London. Terry was taking it easy after breaking a leg in a friendly against West Ham.

Two for Norman

YOUNG Northern Ireland star Norman Whiteside spared Manchester United's blushes in their final warm-up game.

He scored both goals in a disappointing 2-2 draw with Second Division Bolton, and earned a striking role with Frank Stapleton in United's opening game.

BROTHERLY LOVE . . .

REPUBLIC of Ireland international goalkeeper Mick Kearns has rejoined Walsall and will play alongside striking brother Ollie.

Ollie linked up with Walsall on a free transfer from Oxford in the Summer.

Now 'keeper Mick has left hard-up Wolves, where he made nine first team appearances, to rejoin Walsall where he clocked up 249 League appearances before his move.

BELGIUM BOUND

FORMER Orient skipper Tommy Taylor has left the Football League for Belgium.

The ex-West Ham central defender, who has a much publicised bust-up with Orient boss Ken Knighton last season, has signed for Antwerp following his release from the Third Division club.

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■ FORMER Luton defender Syd Owen, who was one of Don Revie's chief aides when he brought success to Leeds in the late sixties and early seventies, has returned to Elland Road.

Syd, who has been with Manchester United, has linked up with new Leeds player-manager Eddie Gray in a scouting capacity.

CALL FOR HUNT

COVENTRY City, the First Division's youngest side, can produce two players for the full England team this season.

That is City manager Dave Sexton's confident reaction to England boss Bobby Robson's call for two players of international class from every First Division side.

"We already have England Under-21 players at the club who I am sure are capable of going right through to the top grade," said Dave.

"Of course I couldn't guarantee Bobby Robson two players but looking at the people we have here I believe we have a very good chance."

One of the Coventry players hotly-tipped for a full England cap is Steve Hunt, already capped at B level, and Sexton added:

"Steve has had a superb season with New York Cosmos in the North American Soccer League, finishing second in the scoring and assists charts. That's put him in a great frame of mind and he's looking forward to coming back and playing for us."

Speaking on the eve of his side's home game against Southampton, Sexton was hopeful about the new season's prospects.

Left: Steve Hunt — he's had a superb season with New York Cosmos, says Coventry manager Dave Sexton.

"This time last year I was a new-boy here. Now I find myself the longest-serving Midlands manager," he smiled.

"I've won the Third and Fourth Divisions and the Second Division twice. Now my ambition is to top the First."

"We had the youngest set-up in the First Division last season and with five 18-year-olds and one 17-year-old we are even younger this year. With so many young players one has to feel optimistic."

"Danny Thomas and Garry Thompson have settled down again and that's good for the future. We've also got experienced heads like Gerry Francis and providing we can steer clear of serious injury problems I think we can bring something back to Highfield Road."

Sexton, who saw Steve Whitton (21) give Coventry a 1-0 opening day victory over 'Saints', also had a message of hope for football in general.

"I keep hearing things about there being less skill in the game but there is still as much as there ever was."

● Coventry have introduced a special half-price scheme at their ground for local youngsters. Children under 16 on August 1 and accompanied by an adult will be given stand or terrace seating for £1 instead of £2. Visiting fans will still pay the full rate.

PAUL IS QUICK ON THE DRAW

MATCH Weekly columnist Paul Mariner hands over a football signed by his Ipswich team-mates to lucky winner Philip Femminile during a visit to a new Peterborough store.

England striker Paul was at Martins Newsagents to promote 'Match Weekly' at the start of the season.



MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Looking good! Playing brothers Ian (back) and Glynn Snodin pose with Birmingham models Andrea Naish (left) and Trudy Lawrence at the official unveiling of the new Doncaster Rovers team strip.

■ NO fewer than 42 Football League players missed the big kick-off due to suspension.

This was a sequel to sendings off or disciplinary points totals reached at the end of last season.

■ AT about the same time as the European Championship qualifying matches get under way, the women's equivalent starts with England, Scotland and the two Ireland teams in the same group.

Sixteen teams have been divided into four sections and the winners go forward to the Semi-Finals in two years' time. England's first match is against Northern Ireland on Sunday, September 19.



'KEEPER NEIL MOVES ON

FORMER Birmingham goalkeeper Neil Freeman has joined home town club Northampton from near-neighbours Peterborough.

Neil, who once had a spell on loan to Northampton while on the books of Arsenal, only joined Peterborough last season.

But he has lost his place in the side to former Leeds reserve 'keeper David Seaman, who followed ex-assistant manager Martin Wilkinson to Peterborough in the summer.

Neil, who has also played for Grimsby, Southend, Walsall and Huddersfield, is one of three Peterborough players who moved down the road to Northampton in the close season.

Striker Dave Syrett and full-back Ian Phillips had already joined the 'Cobblers' on free transfers.

There's certainly a Leeds-look about the Peterborough side with three Elland Road reserves, Seaman, centre-half Neil Firm and full-back Mike Imlach having teamed up with manager Wilkinson.

DEBUT

★★★★★★★★★★

NOT since the last war have so many players marked their League debuts for new clubs in such dramatic fashion on opening day.

Incredibly, 26 new signings scored and only one finished up on the losing side.

The most publicised was Kevin Keegan's winner for Newcastle on his debut at St James' Park.

But the most amazing story belongs to Portsmouth where three new boys were all on target to welcome in the new season.

'Match' highlights these players who made it an opening day to remember...

★★★★★★★★★★

GARY Mabbutt's Division One debut was just three minutes old when he caused a sensation with a goal for Spurs.

The 20-year-old close season signing from Bristol Rovers dived to meet a Glenn Hoddle free kick and gave the FA Cup holders a dream opening day start against Luton at White Hart Lane.

And the midfielder says of his fairytale debut:

"It was a tremendous way to start my career in the top flight. I was very pleased with myself.

"The whole day was a fabulous experience. Scoring was the icing on the cake.

"The only disappointing thing was that we let a two-goal advantage slip and allowed Luton to go home with a point. It would have been marvellous if we could have won."

Ian Mellor also had a remarkable start to his new career with Third Division Brentford — his goal against Reading marking the fourth time he'd scored on his

Ernie Howe — one of three new Portsmouth players to score on their League debuts for the club.

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SHARP-SHOOTERS

Here's your exclusive minute-by-minute guide
showing the order of debut scorers on the first
day of the season.

Minute	Player	Team	Opposition	Result
3rd	David Cross	Man. City	Norwich	2-1 (away)
3rd	Gary Mabbutt	Tottenham	Luton	2-2 (home)
5th	George Berry	Stoke	Arsenal	2-1 (home)
7th	Dave Syrett	Northampton	Wimbledon	1-1 (away)
10th	Maurice Cox	Huddersfield	Exeter	1-1 (home)
11th	Tony Mahoney	Brentford	Bristol Rvs	5-1 (home)
19th	Alan Shoulder	Carlisle	Derby	3-0 (away)
19th	Joe McBride	Rotherham	Fulham	1-1 (away)
20th	John Dungworth	Mansfield	Blackpool	2-1 (home)
21st	Alan Biley	Portsmouth	Sheff. Utd	4-1 (home)
25th	Howard Goddard	Aldershot	Tranmere	1-0 (home)
26th	Alan Waddle	Mansfield	Blackpool	2-1 (home)
38th	Glyn Riley	Bristol City	Hull	2-1 (home)
39th	Ian Mellor	Bradford City	Reading	3-2 (home)
42nd	Malcolm Puskett	Carlisle	Derby	3-0 (away)
44th	Francis Joseph	Brentford	Bristol Rvs	5-1 (home)
46th	Ernie Howe	Portsmouth	Sheff. Utd.	4-1 (home)
59th	Neil Webb	Portsmouth	Sheff. Utd.	4-1 (home)
60th	Kevin Keegan	Newcastle	Q.P.R.	1-0 (home)
70th	Stuart Parker	Bury	Hereford	3-2 (home)
70th	Ray Bishop	Torquay	York	1-1 (away)
74th	Ian Benjamin	Peterborough	Stockport	1-1 (away)
80th	Barry Dunn	Darlington	Rochdale	3-0 (home)
80th	Gary Barnett	Oxford	Gillingham	1-0 (away)
84th	Alan Shoulder	Carlisle	Derby	3-0 (away)
84th	John Crabbe	Hereford	Bury	2-3 (away)
87th	'Pop' Robson	Chelsea	Cambridge	1-0 (away)
87th	Francis Joseph	Brentford	Bristol Rvs	5-1 (home)

DAZZLERS!

League debut for a new club.

Ian has played for six different clubs and only twice failed to score on his League debut. He's done it for Sheffield Wednesday, Brighton, Chester and now Bradford.

And the winger reckons his opening day goal against Reading was one of the best of his long and distinguished career.

It was a beautifully flighted header from a Barry Gallagher corner and Ian says: "It's very important to make a good impression on your debut. It proves to your team-mates what a good player you are and gets the fans on your side.

"I've been very lucky throughout my career. There's no better way to win friends than score in your first game."

Mabbutt and Mellor were among 26 players who marked their League debuts for new clubs with goals on the opening day of the season.

Top of the shop was England skipper Kevin Keegan with his 60th minute winner for Newcastle against Queen's Park Rangers in front of a fanatical 36,000 Geordie crowd.

And the £100,000 capture from Southampton followed that story-book start with another goal a few days later in the 2-1 victory at Blackburn to point Newcastle on the right road towards promotion to the First Division.

But, while Keegan's was the most celebrated and publicised entrance, several other summer signings were immediately repaying faith shown in them by their new managers.

The three players to make the quickest impression were all in the First Division.

As well as Mabbutt, 'Match' columnist David Cross, Manchester City's £135,000 striker, struck within three minutes of his debut.

Cross, who also notched the winner against Stoke on his home debut a few days later, opened his account in the 2-1 victory over one of his old clubs, Norwich.

And Stoke's new defender George Berry, who never managed a senior goal for Wolves last season, headed one within five minutes to set his new club on the way to a 2-1 home defeat of Arsenal.

Apart from experienced campaigners Keegan and Cross, two other strikers actually scored in their opening TWO matches for their new teams.

Dave Syrett, a free transfer signing from Peterborough, was on target for Northampton in their 1-1 draw at Wimbledon and in the shock 2-0 Milk Cup success at Millwall.

And young Gary Barnett hit Oxford's winner at Gillingham — the former Coventry player's first in League football — and in the 2-0



Gary Mabbutt in action against Liverpool's Alan Kennedy — "It was a tremendous way to start my career in the top flight."

Milk Cup victory at Reading.

Top of the shots were Carlisle's Alan Shoulder and Brentford's Francis Joseph who both scored two for their new clubs on opening day.

Shoulder, one of the players who has made way for Keegan at Newcastle, struck twice in the 3-0 victory at Derby, the other goal coming from ANOTHER new signing, £20,000 Malcolm Poskett from Watford.

Joseph, a £40,000 signing from London rivals Wimbledon, helped Brentford go nap with five goals against Bristol Rovers, and former Fulham player Tony Mahoney also bagged one for his new club.

But the most amazing success rate among new signings came at ambitious Portsmouth where all three major summer transfers contributed in the 4-1 crushing of

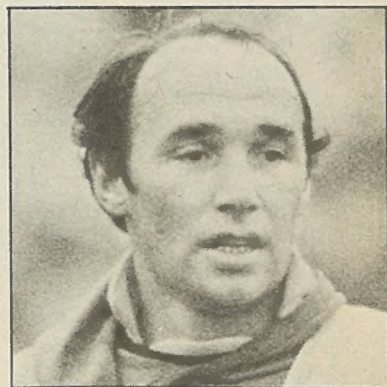
fancied Sheffield United.

Alan Biley, a £125,000 buy from Everton, started the ball rolling after 21 minutes — he also scored on his debut for Everton last season — and former QPR defender Ernie Howe and ex-Reading midfielder star Neil Webb followed his example.

Along with Keegan and young Oxford forward Barnett, Howard Goddard, on loan to Aldershot from Bournemouth, and the evergreen 'Pop' Robson, Chelsea's player-coach, both struck the winning goals for their clubs to celebrate their debuts.

For 'Pop', who snatched an 87th minute winner at Cambridge, it was his 254th in League football.

Amazingly only one of the scoring newcomers finished on the losing side. That was Hereford's John Crabbe in the defeat at Bury.



'Pop' Robson, Chelsea's player-coach a match winner on his debut.

● Picture focus on the big kick-off . . . pages 12 and 13.

HAVE-A-GO

Focus on one of international football's 'forgotten men'...

WEST Brom midfielder star Gary Owen is bidding to resurrect his England claims this season.

The former England Under-21 captain admits that he has failed to produce his best form since moving to the Hawthorns from Manchester City three years ago.

But the 24-year-old believes it's not too late for him to drop a few hints in the direction of new England manager Bobby Robson.

"Like any other player, I want to play for my country and there's no reason why my career can't take off again," says Gary who has decided to stay with Albion.

"In the World Cup, there were a lot of players around the 30 to 33 age group such as Brooking, Keegan and Neal, and so Bobby Robson will be rebuilding with his mind on the next World Cup.

"When I came to West Brom, I was hoping to get into the full



● GARY OWEN

England squad but I don't really think I have played in my best position.

"I like to play a roving type of midfield role but at Albion, particularly last season, I was playing as a midfield-cum-left winger.

"I felt that I was out of the game too much. Although we had a fair number of midfield players at the club last season, I was probably the only player that could play in the left-sided position — I had to play there more for the team than

GARY

myself."

But under new manager Ron Wylie, Gary hopes to find his best form and believes that the team can recover from the relegation fears of last season.

"I'm pleased with the way Ron Wylie is running things at the Hawthorns. He's very straight with the players and he makes training very enjoyable which is very important because that's what players have to do most days," he says.

"Last season, everything went wrong after we were knocked out of the FA Cup Semi-Finals by Queen's Park Rangers.

"We ended up fighting relegation, although, to be

honest, I think we were favourites to avoid the drop and we just made it in the end.

"I think this season promises a lot more. We've got experienced players like John Wile, Ally Robertson, Peter Eastoe and Ally Brown as well as Brendon Batson, Martyn Bennett, Cyrille Regis and Steve Mackenzie, who should all do well.

"Then there are young players like Alan Webb, Nicky Cross, Micky Lewis and Barry Cowdrill who will all be fighting for places.

"There are a lot of good teams in the First Division, but we'll be having a go at all the trophies."

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But we face a big test in our bid to reclaim the UEFA Cup, facing AS Roma in a country still basking in the glory of their World Cup triumph.

The club sides will be determined to follow in the footsteps of their national team and bring some European success to the country.

Equally, their opposition, including ourselves, will be extra keen to bring them down to earth.

Ever since the draw was made, we have constantly been reminded that Roma have three World Cup stars in their line-up — Brazil's Roberto Falcao, Italy's Bruno Conti and Austria's Herbert Prohaska.

We don't dispute that they are three world class players, with Falcao and Conti probably two of the outstanding figures in the World Cup Finals.

But our retort is quite simple and to the point.

So what! We have six players in our side who were in Spain with England and Scotland.

Reputations mean nothing unless the players concerned produce the goods on the night in question.

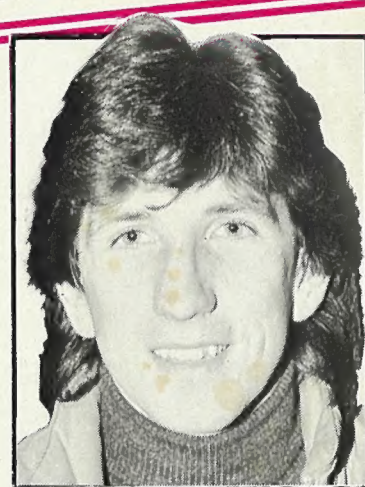
We will have to be on our guard against the likes of Falcao and Conti, who took the World Cup by storm with their outstanding displays in midfield where they outshone several of their more illustrious team-mates.

But we have a wealth of experience after playing against sides from all over Europe and we are by no means concerned about the strength of the opposition so early in the competition.

The Ipswich centre-forward gives his exclusive views on the battle in prospect against two of the brightest stars of the last World Cup Finals . . .

Arriverderci Roma!

says Paul Mariner



Italians. They never give anything away, and that's why we are pleased to be playing the opening leg in Italy.

If we played the first leg at Portman Road and only managed a 0-0 draw or 1-0 win, then the pressure would be on us over there.

But if we can sneak a goal in Rome, then even a 2-1 defeat would put us in a good frame of mind to set us up for a place in the Second Round.

We have a fine reputation on the Continent as an attacking side and I don't think we will be changing our style for the Italians.

It's important to score in the away leg if possible, and we shall be attacking them even if it is with a certain amount of caution in mind.

We are confident of getting the right kind of result in Italy to provide us with more than an even chance of qualifying.

The trip to Italy comes just a few days after a 'Championship showdown' with Manchester United at Old Trafford.

I don't think there is any doubt that United and their Lancashire rivals, Liverpool, will be the main contenders for the Championship this season, and hopefully we will be in the thick of things too.

United have the best balanced midfield in the country now they have recruited my former team mate Arnold Muhren to link-up with England men Ray Wilkins and Bryan Robson.

It will be an intriguing and possibly emotional Old Trafford set-to with Dutch team-mates Muhren and Frans Thijssen in direct opposition in midfield.

United are not the easiest opponents to face in their own backyard, although we had the good fortune to complete the 'double' over them last season.

We were quite satisfied with our 1-1 draw at Brighton on the opening day of the season.

It was rather a midfield stalemate with Brighton operating with five men in the middle of the park.

Andy Ritchie cracked in a great equaliser but I felt rather sorry for Mike Robinson who was left up front almost on his own.

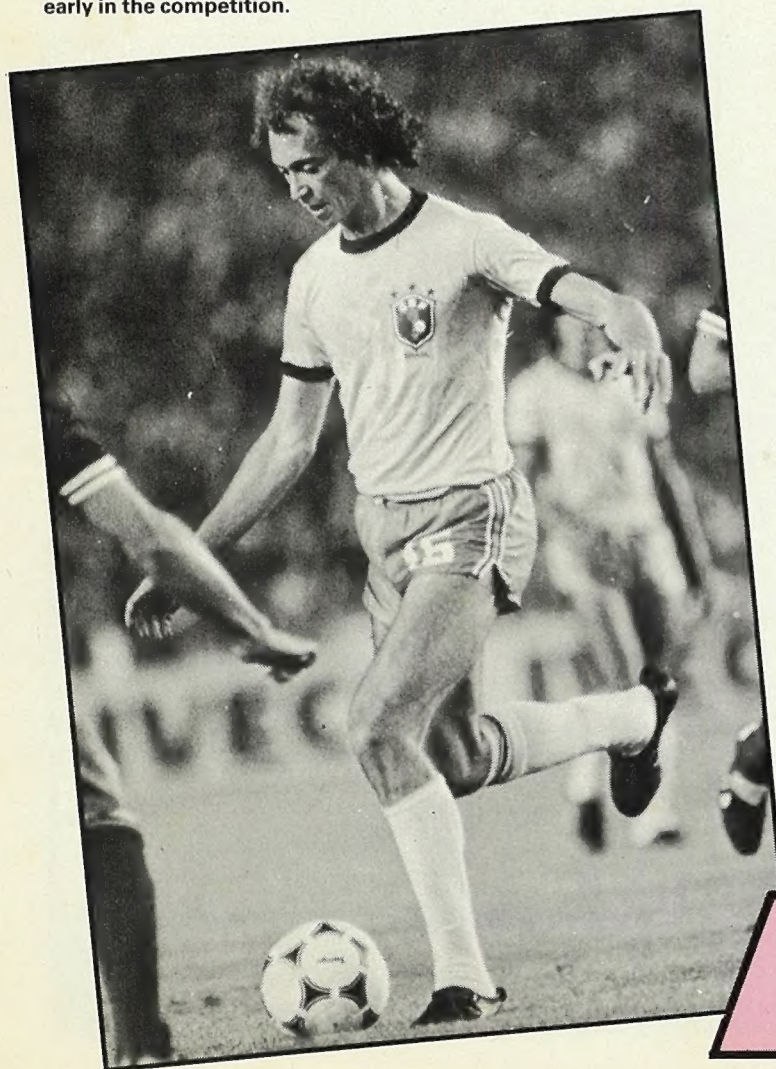
Defences were very much on top and a 1-1 draw was about the fairest result.

Frans Thijssen made a welcome return after injury and was outstanding in the first half. We didn't feed him the ball as much as we should have done in the second half.

Steve McCall operated in Arnold Muhren's old berth in midfield and he did quite well. He faces a difficult task and I hope people don't expect him to become another 'Muhren'.

Arnold is almost a law unto himself when it comes to passing a ball and it would be unfair to expect Steve to provide the same kind of consistent and accurate service.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.



Roma's Roberto Falcao in action for Brazil against Scotland during the World Cup Finals in Spain.

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The day belonged to England skipper Kevin Keegan and here he fires home the winner over Queen's Park Rangers on his debut for Newcastle at St James' Park . . . and (above) celebrates in style.



Charlton's Phil Walker (right) slides in to score his side's first goal over Leicester to celebrate his comeback after an 11-month lay-off caused by injury. Charlton won this Filbert Street fixture 2-1.



BIG OFF!



Heads you win! Luton's talented black midfielder Ricky Hill (above) rises to send a header towards the Spurs goal at White Hart Lane. The ball was deflected into his own net by Spurs defender John Lacy to make the score 2-1 and Luton went on to equalise through Brian Stein.



Left: Justin Fashanu — on loan to Southampton from Nottingham Forest — prepares to chest down the ball as he's shadowed by Coventry's Gary Gillespie at Highfield Road. A Steve Whitton goal in the 68th minute sealed Southampton's fate.

Stop that! All eyes look goalwards as Manchester United's Kevin Moran dives to power a header past Birmingham goalkeeper Jim Blyth in United's 3-0 victory at Old Trafford.



LUTON'S talented full-back Kirk Stephens will always be indebted to manager David Pleat for two good reasons.

ONE: It was the new First Division boss who hauled the youngster from his former club Nuneaton to present him with a League chance after he'd been rejected by home town club Coventry.

TWO: It was Pleat who persuaded Kirk to tear up a transfer request at the end of the season before last... a decision that has been rewarded with the realisation of a First Division dream.

"After missing out on promotion two years running, I felt that a change of club would do me good," says Kirk, who was regarded as one of the top right backs in the Second Division.

"I wasn't in a rut or anything like that but I put in a transfer request and the manager talked me out of it. He didn't even put me on the list.

"He told me to give it another twelve months because he had every confidence that it was going to be third time lucky.

"The way things have turned out, it proved to be a wise decision.

"I'm glad I stayed. I think everybody in football wants to win something and I have. Winning the Second Division Championship last season was magic."

Although Kirk is relishing the prospect of visits to Anfield — this Saturday — and Old Trafford, the clash that will mean most to him will be the game at Coventry in November.

"That will be an extra special occasion," he says. "After all, they did reject me. Now I'm returning as a First Division player. Hopefully I'll prove a lot of people wrong."

Kirk was on schoolboy forms with Coventry for four years but, when it came to signing apprentice forms, he was told that he wasn't good enough.

"They wished me all the best and released

THANKS BOSS!

me," he recalls.

"I was at a loose end and played in local football for a couple of months. Then David Pleat, who was manager of Nuneaton, offered me a contract.

"I spent six happy years at Nuneaton although I had only been there three months when David Pleat resigned and eventually took over at Luton.

"However, he came back and signed me again four years ago. At that time, I never dreamed that one day I would be playing in the First Division.

"It's like a big jigsaw and everything has slotted into place. I'm in love with the game. Football is first and foremost to me and I'm just happy to pull on the Luton shirt every Saturday."

Kirk believes Luton are capable of achieving a place in the top six this season.

"We're just going to take every game as it comes and, at the end of the season, if we've performed as well as we ought to do, then hopefully we'll be among the top six," he says optimistically.

"David Pleat is a young manager with plenty of good ideas. Obviously we have a pattern of play, but he doesn't restrict us in any way.

"We all enjoy playing football. There are no



Kirk Stephens — "I never dreamed that one day I would be playing in the First Division."

stars: Our success is through teamwork. We're all as good as each other and we play for one another.

"He wants us to play football as it should be played. We scored 86 goals last season and that's what the crowds want to see.

"We entertained. The press liked what they saw and the fans certainly did.

"It's reflected in how we finished the season — in Championship style."

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NEW Sheffield United striker Alan Young describes his first day at Bramall Lane as "a total disaster".

He was desperate to make a good impression, but fate dictated otherwise . . .

"I was really looking forward to my first training session with my new team-mates. At the end of the day, I was just glad it was all over," admits Alan, who joined United from Leicester for £200,000 on the opening day of the season.

Alan's day started badly when the fan belt on his car broke as he was driving up the motorway to Sheffield . . .

"I had to telephone a friend who brought me a replacement car," he told 'Match'.

"But the vehicle, a Datsun, didn't suit someone as tall as me. It was tiny. I spent the rest of the journey driving with my legs up by my ears!

"When I arrived at the ground, I realised I'd left all my training kit in the boot of my broken-down car.

"That meant I had to borrow a pair of boots from manager Ian Porterfield and I finished the training session with blisters all over my heels!

"On top of all that, we had to wait until the afternoon before we could train because one of the apprentices had locked Ian Porterfield's car keys in his car

First day flop!

SPOTLIGHT on the transfer trail and the bizarre chain of events that marked Alan Young's arrival in Sheffield. Reporter: Anthony Hawkswell.

and we couldn't get the footballs and training cones out of the boot."

Alan wasn't even able to go out and get some lunch . . .

"I didn't have any money — my wallet was in the car along with my training kit!

"My first day at United was certainly one to remember," he says. So was his debut for the club . . . but for different reasons. Alan scored twice as United beat Hull 3-1 in the Milk Cup.

However, the likeable Scot admits that dropping down

from the Second Division to join Sheffield United was the most difficult decision of his career.

"If it had been any other Third Division club, the answer would have been no, but this is a big club with first class facilities.

"I could have waited for a club from the top flight to come in for me, but I was prepared to take a chance on United. They have the potential to become a First Division club again.

"People said I was crazy to join Leicester from Oldham three and a half years ago. I proved them wrong then and I aim to do the same this time.

"There are some top quality players at Bramall Lane and I'm excited by the prospect of playing alongside the likes of Terry Curran, Colin Morris and Keith Edwards.

"Winger Colin is the kind of player who can help you get between 25 and 30 goals a season and Keith Edwards reminds me of Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish — he holds the ball well and is a lethal finisher."

Alan, who was Leicester's leading scorer when they clinched the Second Division Championship in 1979-80, rocked Filbert Street with his close season transfer request.

But he says: "I needed a fresh challenge. I felt I was getting a little stale at Leicester and that my career was going backwards. I was becoming a run-of-the-mill player.

"It had nothing to do with the departure of manager Jock Wallace. In fact, the transfer request was put in before he left for Motherwell.

"I love Leicester, both as a city and a club. I had some great times there and made a lot of very good friends. I've left a magnificent set of lads."

Alan reckons that the highspot of his career at Leicester was the afternoon they clinched promotion to the First Division by beating Orient



Above: Colin Morris — "one of the top quality players at Sheffield United," says Alan Young.

1-0 at home.

"We were all in tears after that game. It was an unforgettable day," says Alan.

"Obviously there were some disappointments as well. Being relegated from the First Division two years ago was awful — especially after we'd put up such a heroic fight at the end.

"I was also gutted when we were beaten in last season's FA Cup Semi-Final against Spurs at Villa Park. Before the game I was convinced it was our year for the Cup.

"After that defeat, I went absent without leave for four days. I just couldn't face going back to the club or talking about the game.

"There's no doubt defeat hit us hard and affected our chances of promotion last season. It was very difficult to pick ourselves up after that."



Left: Alan Young.

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● The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was: Ipswich Town and England star Mick Mills.

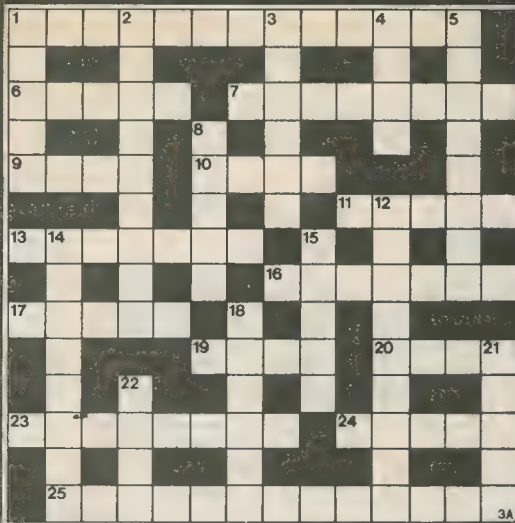


Badge teaser

CAN you identify these four League clubs by their crests (pictured above)?

Across

- 1 Swansea's European victims in August (8,5)
- 6 Midfielder --- Randall has given Plymouth Argyle good service in two spells with them (5)
- 7 It's probably the most famous distance in soccer --- yet no-one ever seems able to judge it accurately! (3,5)
- 9 What the goalie is there to do (4)
- 10 A bit of blocking for Kevin (4)
- 11 Luton signed this striker in the summer (5)
- 13 Famous referee --- Klein was a linesman in the World Cup final (7)
- 16 Defender Steve whose brother is an England batsman (7)
- 17 Lee, could be (5)
- 19 Goalkeeper --- Mahoney played for Bristol City, Torquay and Newcastle (4)
- 20 The nickname of Brentford (4)
- 23 'E. McHeath' (anagram) --- Roy, the former Manchester City and Chester half-back (8)
- 24 This Scottish club won promotion last season (5) 25 Two of this club's players appeared in the World Cup finals (4,3,6)



SOCCERWORD

Down

- 1 Peru's and Poland's are white (5)
- 2 The referee's signal for an indirect free-kick (6,3)
- 3 Country where Olympiakos are the reigning champions (6)
- 4 Moody, maybe (4)
- 5 'S. Leonard' (anagram) --- Brian, the former Coventry and Leicester forward (8)
- 8 Keeper who was ever-present for Swindon last season (5)
- 12 He scored in the World Cup final (9)
- 14 'D. Warbash' (anagram) --- Paul, the former

Burnley and Sheffield Wednesday forward (8)

- 15 England first played an international match against this country in 1897 (5)
- 18 As *Match Weekly* recently reported, this Frenchman was voted amongst the top five players in the World Cup finals --- and the other four were all Italians! (6)
- 21 Where a season-ticket usually allows you to sit (5)
- 22 The nickname of Liverpool (4)

SOLUTIONS

Match of the Week: Halifax Town v Hereford United.
 Badge Teaser: A Cardiff, B Southend, C Bourne, D Orient.
 Quick Quiz: 13, 13, 2 St Mirren, 3 Dino Zoff, 4 Reading, 5 Sunderland, 6 Clyde, 9 Mark Hateley (13), 10 Aberdeen, Spurs and Arsenal.
 Soccerword: Across: 1. Sporting, 2. raised arm, 3. Greece, 4. Alan, 5. Alderson, 8. Allan, 12. Bees, 23. Cheetham, 24. Alloa, 25. West, 16. Gillingham, 17. Sammy, 19. Mike, 20. Lock (hidden), 11. Walsh, 13. Abraham, 14. Brady, 6 Colin, 7. ten yards, 9. save, 10. Ham United.
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QUICK QUIZ

DO you know your football? Test your soccer knowledge with this quiz. If you get between 8-10 correct consider yourself an expert; 6-8 good; 4-6 average; below 4 --- keep reading 'Match'.

- 1 How many appearances did the great Gordon Banks make for England? Was it 73, 53 or 37?
- 2 Which Scottish Premier Division side are nicknamed 'The Buddies'?
- 3 Who plays in goal for Italian League Champions Juventus?
- 4 Maurice Evans is manager of which club?
- 5 Where did Nottingham Forest's close season signing Colin Todd start his League career?
- 6 To which Scottish Premier Division club did Middlesbrough sell defender Bobby Thomson?
- 7 Which Third Division club plays at Somerton Park?
- 8 Who are the reigning Scottish Second Division Champions?
- 9 Who finished last season as Coventry's leading scorer?
- 10 Name the three previous clubs of Nottingham Forest defender Willie Young?

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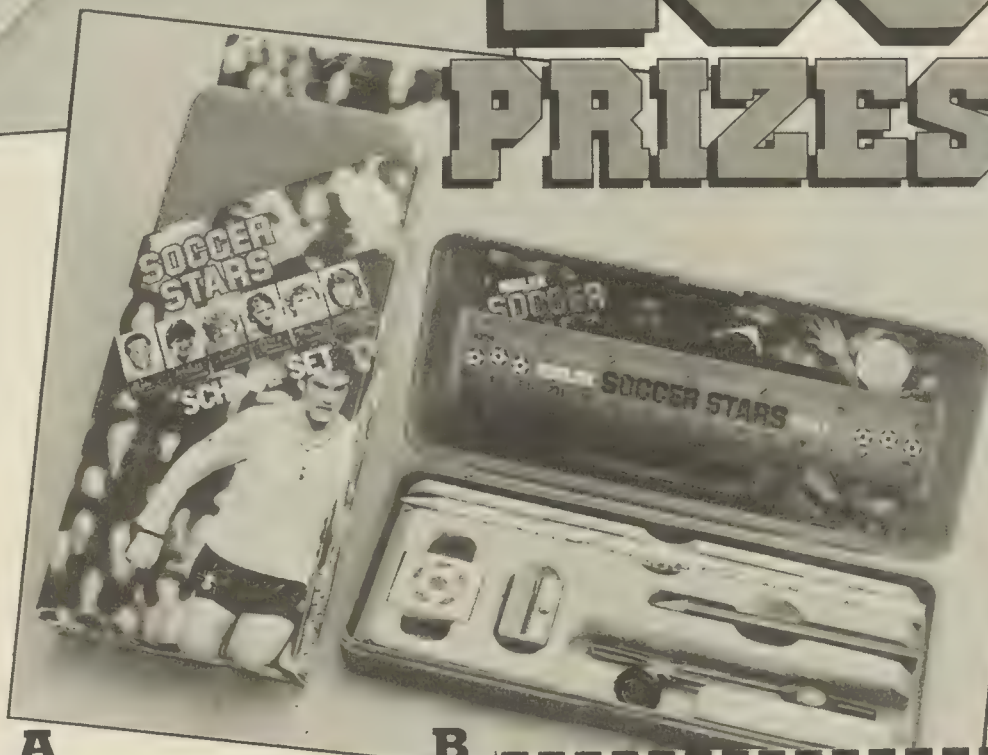
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MARRIED: Yes, to Heather.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Cavalier Sports Hatchback.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Bristol City.
CLUB NICKNAME: Scrumpy.
WORST EVER INJURY: Knee ligaments in 1979-80.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — consistently the best finisher in England.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Bristol City.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — you always think something will happen when he has the ball.
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FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Anfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: National Stadium in Holland.
BEST GOAL SCORED: For Bristol City against Coventry in the 1974-75 League Cup.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: It's never easy.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scoring the only goal against Portsmouth in April 1976 to clinch Bristol City a place in the First Division.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: That promotion clinching game against Portsmouth.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being relegated with Bristol City in successive seasons.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Snooker and cricket.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Holidays, eating and winning.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Traffic jams.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Dallas.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Partly Political Broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Jack Higgins.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Marvin Gaye.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Woody Allen and Glenda Jackson.
BEST FRIENDS: I have several.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Bristol City staff between 1973 and 1980.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Plain omelette.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England youths.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in business and happy in family life.
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CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To have my own business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: West Brom's Micky Lewis.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Clint Eastwood.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Be confident in what you do.

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WEST BROM

'I FEAR THE WORST' -GORDON STRACHAN

ABERDEEN face an arduous trip to Albania in the first round proper of the European Cup Winners' Cup next week and I'm fearing the worst.

I thought our trip to Bulgaria last season for the match against Arges Pitesti was bad, but I'm expecting even worse this time round against Dinamo Tirana.

Our former assistant manager Pat Stanton, who's just taken over as boss of Hibernian, tells us that Bulgaria is a holiday camp compared to the country we're going to.

Restrictions are such that we're not allowed to take cameras and only one pressman is allowed to travel with us.

Celtic went there four years ago and former Scotland skipper Danny McGrain had trouble getting into the country because of his beard. They wanted him to shave it off!

The Albanians even wanted us to stop off at Athens so that they could get their own pilot to fly the plane into the country.

I really dread going to these Eastern bloc countries. Everything is so drab and dull and the security is stifling. It's in such sharp contrast to our recent visit to Switzerland.

We played Scion in the preliminary round of the European competition and I really enjoyed the trip.

The Aberdeen and Scotland star writes exclusively for you and only in 'Match'. It's the Scottish column English fans can't resist reading — don't miss it every fortnight.

Switzerland is the best place I've ever been to.

The country is beautiful and the people are so friendly. It was a pleasure to play there.

The return match in Switzerland was only a formality after our 7-0 first leg win at Pittodrie, but the journey provided us with a welcome break from the Scottish League Cup programme.

Technically the Swiss were quite good, but I've never known a team to shy away from a tackle like they did. They certainly didn't like physical contact.

I'm not used to taking defenders on and watching them fall down like skittles. They were gentlemen in every sense of the word!

Manager Alex Ferguson took me off 17 minutes from the end of the game and the crowd gave me a fantastic ovation. It made a pleasant change from abuse which is what I normally get from opposing fans.

We've enjoyed a very successful beginning to the season with victories in Europe and qualification for the Quarter Finals of the Scottish League Cup.

But I must admit that I don't like the idea of sections in the League Cup. I much prefer the old style knock-out system like you have in England.

Attendances just about reflected the public interest. The crowds were a disgrace for some of the matches.

I can understand the apathy however. Most sections are decided after the first couple of ties so the rest of the games are meaningless.

I did however enjoy our 7-1 victory over First Division Dunfermline. I scored four goals and I could so easily have finished with seven myself.

The goalkeeper made two brilliant saves and I had a header — very unusual for me — ruled offside.

Everything I did that day was right. Each time I passed the ball

it seemed to go to the feet of a team-mate and every shot seemed to be on target.

The most I'd ever scored in a game before was two goals so I was absolutely delighted when I reached my hat-trick.

Unfortunately I wasn't given the match ball. I think the Dunfermline management were too concerned about their on-the-field problems to worry about presenting me with a moment!

I'm playing a more forward role for Aberdeen — just behind the two strikers — this season and it's paying off with goals. In my first seven games I scored eight times.

With this start to the season I'm hoping it will be my best ever campaign for goals. I usually aim to score between 15 and 20 goals and I'm already on course to break that.

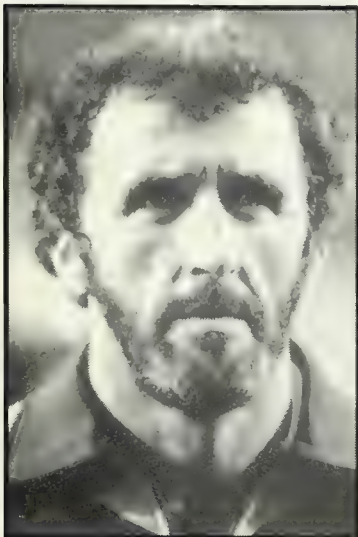
On Saturday we travel to Morton for a Premier Division fixture. It will be the third time we've played them this season because they were in the same League Cup section as us.

Our 3-0 win over them at Pittodrie was our best performance of the season so far and I'm hoping we can repeat it at their place.

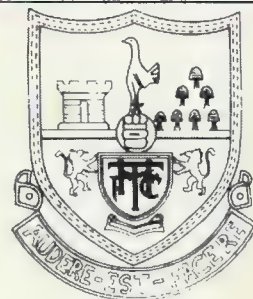
Morton are a very hard team to beat and it's important to get an early goal against them. The longer the games goes without them conceding a goal the more confident they become.

The following Saturday we entertain St Mirren — a club that are always pushing to make it at the top but never quite get there. I'd love to see them become a force because the more strong teams there are in the Premier Division the better it is for football up here.

St Mirren played very well at the beginning of last season, but slid badly in the second half when they lost their young starlet Frank McAvennie through injury. With Frank fit again they'll be a handful. See you in a fortnight...
● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Close shave for Celtic's Danny McGrain. He had trouble getting into Albania because of his beard.



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Back row (left to right): George Dalton (physiotherapist), Gerry Daly, Steve Whitton, Garry Thompson, Paul Dyson, Jim Blyth (now Birmingham), Les Sealey, Mark Hateley, Gary Gillespie, Ian Butterworth, Steve Jacobs.

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RY CITY



Front row: Tom English, Martin Singleton, John Hendrie, Brian Roberts, Dave Sexton (team manager), Gerry Francis, Stephen Mardenborough, Danny Thomas, Peter Hormantschuk.

WATFORD WINGER FIRES A WARNING

WE'RE BUZZING!

THE 'Hornets' from Watford are buzzing and stinging just ask Everton and Southampton.

Elton John's rocket men duly announced their arrival in the big time by leaving their first two Division One opponents sore and smarting.

And young winger Nigel Callaghan, two-goal star in the 4-1 drubbing of Southampton, is predicting that more First Division defences will be smothered by Graham Taylor's yellow-shirted perils.

"First Division teams are just not used to our style of play, which we haven't changed from previous seasons," says Nigel, delighted at scoring his first Division One goals against England number one Peter Shilton.

Strange

"Playing with two orthodox wingers and two big men down the centre is a system that will be strange to most First Division defences, and that's why I think we will upset a lot of teams."

"The Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds of this world are great sides, but they may not be used to our type of attacking game."

'Match' spotlights Watford's dream start in their first ever season in Division One.



Above: Nigel Callaghan — "I think we will upset a lot of teams this season."

Left: England number one Peter Shilton — beaten four times by Watford at The Dell and "but for him it might have been seven," says Nigel Callaghan.

Nigel and John Barnes are there to supply the ammunition to big strikers Gerry Armstrong and Ross Jenkins, and so far it's proved profitable.

"We were making a lot of chances in our pre-season games, but we didn't create that many against Everton."

"Gerry Armstrong is a real fighter and will put his head in anywhere, while big Ross is capable of holding the ball up."

"Myself and John Barnes are there to feed off the big men, with Luther Blissett and Jan Lohman both capable of scoring goals, coming through from midfield."

"We were very convincing against Southampton, and, had it not been for Peter Shilton, we might have scored seven."

"We were all keyed up for the Southampton game. They slammed us 4-0 there two seasons ago in the League Cup, and Kevin Keegan went on television saying that they were waiting for us again."

Crushed

"We crushed them 7-1 in the return leg at Vicarage Road that season, but it was nice to show people that we could also beat them away from home."

"And it was great from my point of view to score my first two goals in the First Division against Peter Shilton."

"I have been under pressure to score more goals, and those two against the 'Saints' made up almost a third of my total for last season."

There is certainly plenty of optimism in the Watford camp after such a dream start in their first season among the big boys.

"Only Pat Rice and Gerry Armstrong had played in the First Division, so it was a new experience for most of us."

"Pat Rice told us not to worry and not to freeze. He told us to just go out there and play because we were now one of the 'boys'."

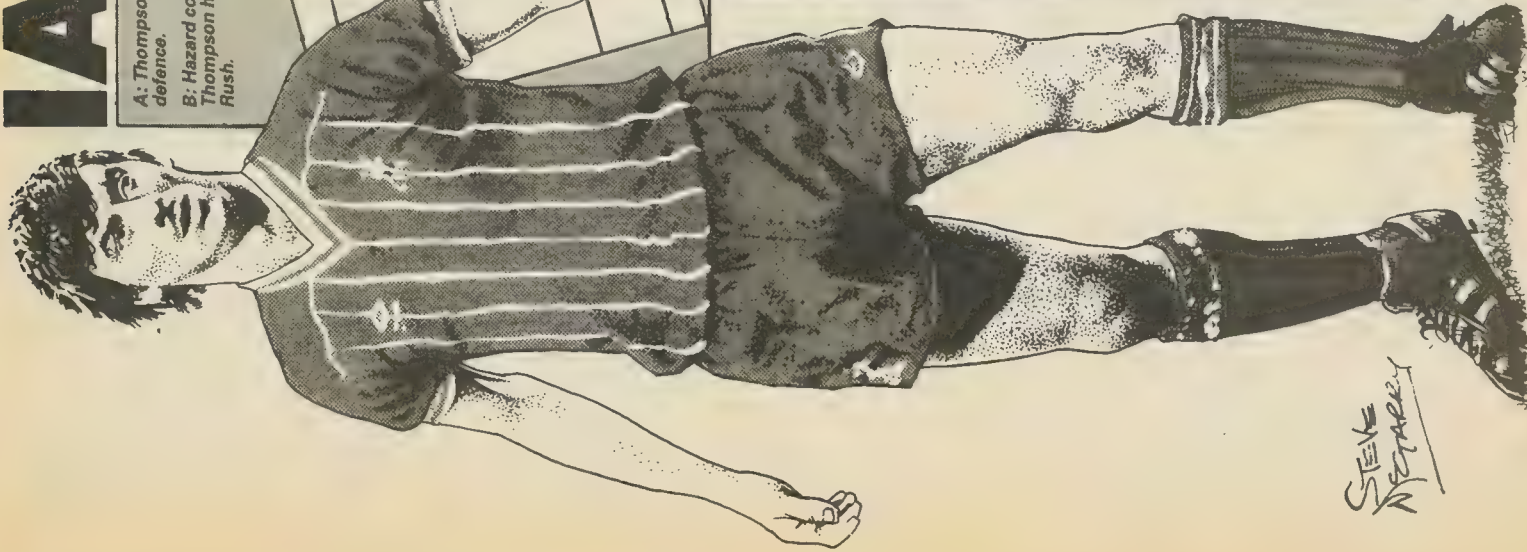
"I'm not one to forecast about the chance of honours but as far as I am concerned, we are in with a chance of the Championship and two cups until such time as it's impossible to win any of them."

"We'll take every game as it comes and, if at the end of the day we are in with a chance of winning the League, then I'm sure we'll take it."

"We have no fears and I'm sure our style and fitness will stand us in good stead for the remainder of the season."

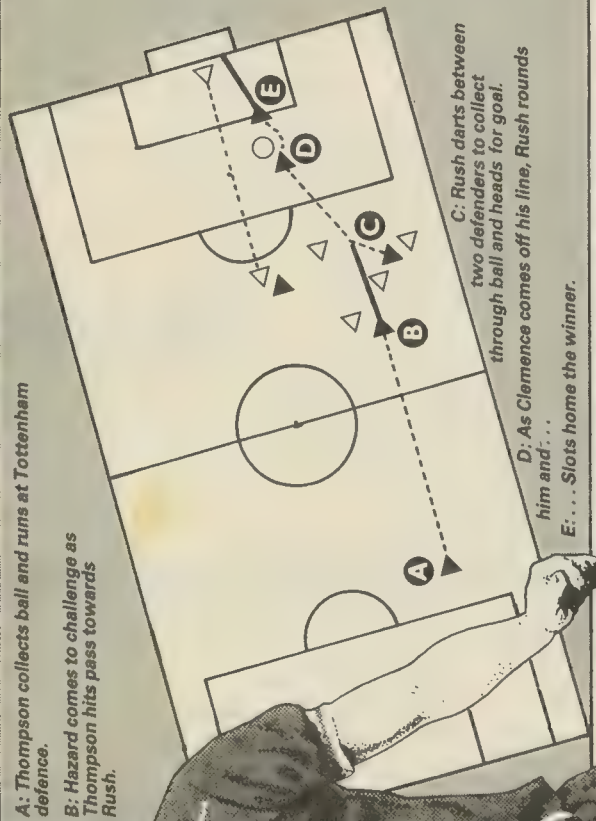


IAN RUSH of LIVERPOOL



A: Thompson collects ball and runs at Tottenham defence.

B: Hazard comes to challenge as Thompson hits pass towards Rush.



C: Rush darts between two defenders to collect through ball and heads for goal.

D: As Clemence comes off his line, Rush rounds him and...

E: ... Slots home the winner.

LIVERPOOL 1 TOTTENHAM 0
FA Charity Shield, Wembley,
Saturday, August 21, 1982.

IAN Rush — Liverpool's leading scorer in the League last season — picked up where he left off to ensure the return of the Charity Shield to Anfield.

His 33rd minute strike was enough to sink Spurs in the annual curtain raiser and send the hordes of Liverpool fans home happy.

So once again it was the League Champions who came out on top over the FA Cup holders.

The match-winning move began with former Liverpool skipper Phil Thompson when he

collected the ball in the middle of the park and ran at the Spurs defence.

As Spurs midfielder Mike Hazard prepared to challenge, Thompson's pass found Rush who made space for himself by darting between two defenders.

Ex-Liverpool goalkeeper Ray Clemence was quickly off his line in a bid to thwart his former club-mate but Rush kept his cool to round the last line of Spurs' defence and slide the ball into the empty net to bring one half of Wembley to its feet.



Pen pals

I'M a 21-year-old Ipswich and Manchester United supporter and would like a male pen pal of my own age.

Caroline Copping, 42 Rainsborowe Road, Colchester, Essex CO2 7JR.

SPURS are my favourite team and Glenn Hoddle my top player. I'd like to write to a fellow Tottenham fan.

Donna Gillespie (16), 45 Maryville Park, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

POP music, rugby, cricket and following Liverpool and Shrewsbury are my hobbies. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.

Scott Beeston (13), 46 Summerhouse Grove, Newport, Shropshire TF10 7DH.

I'D like a pen pal who lives in France, West Germany or Holland. I'm a Liverpool supporter and my favourite player is Kenny Dalglish.

Jason Fletcher (11), 7 Spey Drive, Auckley, Doncaster, South Yorkshire.

I'M a 16-year-old English football lover. I'd like a pen pal who supports one of the lower division clubs.

Erik Van Den Polder, Vroesenlaan, 14C, 3039 DT Rotterdam, Holland.

I'M a 14-year-old Ipswich fan and would like a pen pal who supports any First Division club. Julie Fenton, Whitegates, New Road, Elmswell, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

I'D like a pen pal of my own age who likes Madness, Fun Boy Three and Coventry. Kevin Burke (11), 15 Trenance Road, Exhall, Bedworth, Coventry CV7 9FQ.

I'D like a pen pal of my own age who supports West Ham. Joanna Heath (12), 46 Ollards Grove, Loughton, Essex.

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NEW YEAR'S EVES!

Mel's 12-month pledge to Wolves



Wolves saviour Derek Dougan (left) and his financial director Stuart Ross salute the Molineux fans on opening day. "Derek has brought new life and enthusiasm to the club," says Mel Eves.

WOLVES' opening day hero Mel Eves was ready to quit Molineux last season.

Mel, who scored twice as Wolves beat Blackburn in their first game of the new campaign, admits: "I wanted to leave the club.

"I was unhappy at being messed about. The club insisted on playing me in various different positions. I've always regarded myself as a striker and yet I was played in midfield and on the wing."

That's why the 25-year-old refused to sign a new contract and played the whole of last season on a week-to-week basis.

But the arrival of new supremo Derek Dougan persuaded Mel to sign a new one-year deal with the relegated club.

"The problem wasn't just financial. I felt that my career at Wolves had stagnated over the past couple of years.

"But Derek has brought new life and enthusiasm to the club and I'm much happier now that I've been given my proper striking role back.

"Last season was very unsettling for me personally and the club's troubles at the wrong end of the First Division didn't help. I just wanted to get away.

"I felt there was no point staying at Wolves if I wasn't happy. I didn't see my future at Molineux," says Mel, who joined Wolves straight from school.

Debts

"A number of clubs from the First Division showed interest in me last season and I was very disappointed that a deal wasn't struck.

"At first, Wolves were asking a fee of £200,000 but I believe that was reduced as the price of everything else went down."

The close season brought even more worries for Mel as he wondered whether the club would survive after going into liquidation with debts totalling more than £2 million.

"It was a terrible time because none of the players knew what was going to happen to the club, or where we'd be playing this season. It was a great relief when Derek Dougan and his consortium came in with a bid."

Mel, who made his Wolves debut against Ipswich in November 1977, is now determined to help the famous Midlands club back into Division One at the first attempt.

"There's a tremendous feeling of optimism around the place now. The players are confident that we can make a strong challenge for promotion.

"It means nothing that we're one of the favourites to go up. We've got to prove that we deserve promotion over 42 games.

"We know that's not going to be easy because teams will be pulling out all the stops to beat us. They'd all love to have the

Spotlight on trouble torn Wolves and one of the survivors of the club's cash crisis



Mel Eves — "I didn't see my future at Molineux, but I'm happy now and there's a tremendous feeling of optimism around the place."

scalp of a famous club like Wolves under their belt.

"The Second Division is very much unknown territory for me because before this season I had played all my career in the top flight.

"Obviously it's better to play at the highest level but I'm not worried about playing in the Second Division. If you do well in any division, you get noticed.

"Often it's better to be top of the Second Division than a mediocre team in the First. You get more coverage."

Wolves bounced straight back into the First Division the last time they were relegated in 1976 and they got this season's promotion challenge off to the best possible start with a 2-1 win over Blackburn.

"Anything other than victory would have been an anti-climax. We were all geared up for that match.

"It's done our confidence good to get off to a good start. Now we've got to keep the winning run going."

STAR GALLERY



England midfielder Ray Wilkins is destined for glory with Manchester United this season, according to Neil Wyvill, Manchester.

Mark Hayes (14) of Mill Hill, London, drew this picture of Spurs Eire full-back Chris Hughton (left). He was one of the main reasons why Spurs retained the FA Cup," says Mark.

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Birmingham goalscoring sensation Mick Harford helped keep 'The Blues' in the First Division last season, according to Matthew Lancaster of Earlswood, Solihull, West Midlands.

Swansea midfielder Garry Stanley (left) is a fast and very skilful player, says Johnathan Davies (14), of Newton, Swansea.

TERRACE TALK

Edited by
Michael Weavers



WELCOME once more to your new-look letters page . . . with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published!

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WHY is it that every ex-Everton player says when interviewed by 'Match': "It seems that I didn't figure in manager Howard Kendall's plans." Does anyone? Keith Lillywhite (15), Credenhill, Hereford.

OBSERVANT, aren't you.

THREE months ago, I wrote to Merseywear Ltd — who advertise in 'Match' — enclosing a cheque for £6 for a pair of Tottenham pyjamas.

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On August 12, they returned my £6 cheque, apologised for the inconvenience — apparently they had serious problems with larger pyjama sizes — and sent me a new England scarf, worth £3.95, free of charge.

I would like to thank Merseywear and tell them they can count on my custom in future. Steven Dellavalle, Catford, London.

HOW about this for a hard luck story!

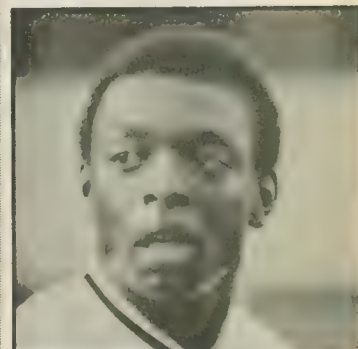
I've been a Scottish Everton fan for the past seven years and, for four years, I idolised Andy King.

Then he left the club. Heart-broken, I threw out all my pictures and pin-ups of Andy, assuming he would never return to Goodison Park.

Everton souvenirs are hard to come by in Scotland. My one hope is that 'Match' will print a colour pin-up of Andy in Everton

colours in the near future. Andrew Morcombe, Bridgeton, Glasgow.

● **A LIKELY story!** When do Scots ever throw things away? Still, we'll see what we can do about an Andy King colour pin-up . . .



Garth Crooks — his actions in the Charity Shield were a disgrace, says Allan Woodcock.

WHY on earth wasn't Tottenham's Garth Crooks sent off for his wild attack on Graeme Souness in the Charity Shield match at Wembley?

His actions were a disgrace. Yet the referee didn't even book him. Allan Woodcock, Rotherham, S Yorkshire.

● **I'M as puzzled as you.** When Reading's Lawrie Sanchez can get sent off for deliberate handball and Crooks gets a talking-to for attacking a player, you can

understand why players are confused by refereeing decisions.

KEVIN Keegan's move to Newcastle United is the answer to thousands of Geordies' dreams.

His capture will add class to a side that already had the look of promotion candidates.

And with Keegan gracing St James's Park, attendances should be up by between ten and fifteen thousand. If Newcastle can hit their stride quickly and force their way into the promotion reckoning, home attendances of 35,000 will be normal.

The whole of the North-East is buzzing. Keegan's signing was a godsend and the club is to be congratulated for its imagination.

P. Myers, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.



Kevin Keegan — his transfer to Newcastle was a godsend, says P. Myers.

JUVENTUS forward Roberto Bettega must be living in Cloud-Cuckoo Land.

He's just recovered from a knee operation and says in 'Match' that he wants his place back in the Italian national team. He'll be lucky!

How does he expect, at the age of 33, to break into an Italy side that has just won the World Cup and boasts one of the best strikers in the world in Paolo Rossi.

Mind you, Dino Zoff won a World Cup winners' medal at the age of 40, so you never know . . . *Martin Anderson, Middle Herrington, Sunderland.*

WHEN I wrote to 'Match' asking to be included in the Pen Pals column, I never dreamed of the response I would get.

I had so many letters that I can't possibly answer them all! I would like to thank everyone who wrote to me and apologise to those I haven't replied to. *Diane Williams, Hill Top, West Bromwich.*

I'M very annoyed with Manchester United. I've been a supporter for the past nine years and this is the third time they have introduced a new strip.

Lots of young supporters, like me, find it very expensive keeping up with United and buying new gear. *Dean Barnett, Charlton, London.*

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SILLY SEASON

ALREADY the 1982/83 soccer season is looking like a Mad Hatter's Tea Party.

Southampton are replacing Channon, Ball and Keegan with a goalkeeper. And Keegan has taken off for Newcastle to resurrect the glory days on Tyneside.

Manchester United have decided that if they can't win the League Championship with £5 millions' worth of talent, they should buy up all the other top stars, play them in the reserves and win the Central League instead.

All managers, and most players, are moaning about the length of the season. Yet why do they play all these absurd pre-season games?

My team, Cambridge, have already lost their only international player — Irishman Tom Finney — for two League games after he was sent off in one of these so-called friendlies. Crazy isn't it?

Still, soccer's a great game. See you on the terraces . . .

Terry Nichols, Histon, Cambs.

● NOT at Cambridge, you won't.

NEWCASTLE's signing of Kevin Keegan has hammered another nail into football's coffin.

According to some newspaper reports, he will be paid £3,000 every week for playing in United's colours.

If that's true, it's ridiculous. Football cannot support that sort of payment. I've got great respect for Keegan's footballing ability, but he's not worth that sort of money.

And now what's to stop other top stars from demanding the same sort of payment? Football would be bankrupt in no time. *Steven George, Wantage, Oxon.*

THE English League is reputed to be the best in the world. What a laugh! We are now living on past glories.

Compared to West Germany's Bundesliga, the English Football League is a second rate competition.

The power of the Bundesliga is reflected each season when they provide the majority of the European trophy finalists.

They dominate the UEFA Cup, providing at least two semi-finalists each season. Bayern Munich were runners-up to Aston Villa in the European Cup, Hamburg were runners-up to Gothenburg in the UEFA Cup and the national side are European champions and World Cup runners-up.

The Bundesliga has produced the European Footballer of the Year for the last six seasons: Beckenbauer (Bayern Munich) 76-77; Simonsen (B. Moenchengladbach) 77-78; Keegan (Hamburg) 78-79 and 79-80; Rummenigge (Bayern Munich) 80-81 and 81-82.

It's time the English League woke up to the fact that it is not the force it once was. *Paul Plunkett, Anfield, Liverpool.*

● NONSENSE! Our League has produced the champion club in Europe over the past six seasons. And you'll have the next one on your own doorstep!

I HOPE that Manchester United's predictions that this could be their season come true. It would really stimulate that great soccer area of Lancashire.

But they will have to sign at least one top class striker if they hope to overtake Liverpool.

Let's face it, Garry Birtles has been a million-pound flop and another seven-figure colleague, Frank Stapleton, has not done much better.

Jim Cook, Brandon, Suffolk.



Garry Birtles — a million pound flop, says Jim Cook.

GOLDEN GOOF

"PAYING £3 million for one player is certainly a surprise," says Jason Brown of Sutton Coldfield, who spotted this Golden Goof. The fee agreed was, in fact, £300,000.

MANCHESTER United manager Ron Atkinson set up a surprise signing in Zaragossa, Spain yesterday.

He agreed to pay Vancouver Whitecaps \$3000,000 for ex-Carlisle striker Peter Beardsley.

I'M amazed that Arsenal have bought Lee Chapman from Stoke City for £500,000.

He's terrible! Arsenal must have been mad to buy him. When I saw him at the Victoria Ground, he was diabolical! *Simon Stockley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.*

A BIG admirer of Lee, are you?

LET US hope that Ossie Ardiles will return to England after his season with French club, Paris St Germain. He will be badly missed by all of us who admire extraordinary skill and vision.

I went to France to see him play superbly for his new club. I know just how much Tottenham will miss him after watching a dismal Charity Shield match at Wembley.

Charles Edwardes-Ker, Clifton, Bristol.

I WISH people would give more credit to Welsh players such as Alan Curtis and Leighton James.

It seems that because they are Welsh and play for a Welsh club, they get less attention than they deserve.

Curtis is one of the best strikers in Britain. He has developed from a little-known Fourth Division player into a forward all First Division defences fear.

Leighton James, after spells with several clubs, is probably playing the best football of his career at Swansea.

Both these players are entertaining, score spectacular goals and pull in the crowds. We could do with a few more like them in the First Division. *Owen Morgan, Ammanford, Wales.*

HAVING read of PGL soccer holidays in 'Match', I decided to attend one of their courses in Manchester.

It was superb! The facilities were good, the coaches were magnificent and it turned out to be a totally memorable week.

I was also fortunate enough to win the 'Match Weekly Award For The Most Improved Player of the Week' which I shall treasure for the rest of my life.

So I'm sure the other 54 boys on the course would like to join me in thanking PGL and their coaches for a wonderful week . . . and thanks, 'Match', for an everlasting souvenir of the event. *Simon Ponsford, Dunvant, Swansea.*

I HAVE been shocked to see several well-known players chewing gum before and during a game.

This is a dangerous habit. Youngsters, copying their heroes, could choke on gum while playing football. Senior professionals should set a better example. *Ravinder Dhami, Southall, Middlesex.*

● 'Match' is the magazine with the letters page that gets you talking

SHATTERED!

CARR CRASHES OUT OF NEWCASTLE'S BIG GAME



Kevin Carr — "Missing Newcastle's opening game was a sickening blow"

A FREAK accident cost Kevin Carr the chance of playing in Newcastle's biggest game for years.

The arrival of superstar Kevin Keegan from Southampton really captured the imagination of the North East public with over 36,000 fans crammed into St James' Park for his opening day debut against Queens Park Rangers.

And goalkeeper Kevin, an ever-present in the Newcastle side last season had to join them as a spectator.

He had been ruled out of the game after walking through a plate glass window during the club's pre-season tour of Madeira.

"Missing that game was a sickening blow for me — I can't explain how much it hurt," says Kevin, who ended last season just two games of his 100th League appearance for the 'Magpies'.

"Watching from the stands was so frustrating — I longed to be out there with the lads. The atmosphere was unbelievable.

"Everyone was delighted for Kevin when he scored on his debut. It was like a fairytale for the England skipper."

Goalkeeper Kevin's own chances of playing were cruelly dashed after he badly cut his arms in an accident at the team hotel.

"It was stupid really," he explains: "I thought the patio doors were open wider than they really were. I just walked straight through one of them."

"It didn't hurt that much — I was just so angry with myself. I knew it meant that I'd miss a few games."

"The club physio wrapped my arms up in a couple of towels and we got a taxi straight to the local hospital."

"I had to wait for six hours before anyone came to see me, but eventually they stitched me up and put my right arm in plaster."

"I'm not usually accident or injury-prone. My worst ever injury before this was when I damaged ankle ligaments a couple of years back and was out for three months."

"It couldn't have happened at a worse time for me. The whole city is buzzing and I wanted to play a part in the excitement."

"Kevin Keegan's arrival has lifted Tyneside football back onto its feet. It's just the boost Newcastle needed to go out and win promotion."

"We were confident we could make a strong challenge for promotion before Kevin joined us. His arrival was the icing on the cake."

"We had the perfect build-up to the campaign when we won all our pre-season games. Now it's up to us to keep that run going."

"The club got as high as fourth in the Second Division last season before tailing off badly."

"The experience we gained last term will stand us in good stead and I'm sure, with Kevin's help, we can make it to the top flight."

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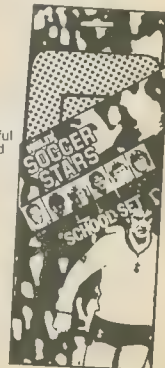
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THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

LEADING the team out for our Charity Shield clash with Liverpool provided me with one of my proudest moments as a Spurs player.

I knew two weeks before the match that, providing I played, I would captain the side because it was obvious Stevie Perryman would not be fit.

But it was still an occasion to treasure, especially walking across the famous Wembley turf with the FA Cup in my hands.

I had skippered the side on our pre-season tour and I must admit I enjoy the role. I prefer the extra responsibility because I believe it makes me play better.

Naturally, I'd be delighted to skipper Spurs on a permanent basis but Stevie's a great captain and I think he'll be around for a few more years yet!

Of course it would have been great if I had been the one holding the Charity Shield aloft at Wembley, but while we were disappointed with our 1-0 defeat at the hands of the League Champions, we were still quite happy with the way we played.

On the day, I felt we deserved at least a draw and we were pleased with the way we strung passes together considering it was the team's first competitive match of the season.

It would have been nice to have won but the disappointment was nowhere near as great as it was when we lost to Liverpool in the Final of the League Cup last season.

The least experienced players probably felt it more than anyone, but for someone like young Gary O'Reilly, who slotted in at the back for us, it will only serve to make him that bit more determined if he ever gets the chance to play at Wembley again.

Gary is yet another example of the strength of our squad down at White Hart Lane.

He's only got four or five first team games under his belt but he settled in very well.

I told him to savour the occasion and I believe he did. It's got to be good experience for the future.

It was another newcomer to the side who captured the early limelight in our first League match of the season against Luton at White Hart Lane — new signing Gary Mabbutt giving us the lead after just three minutes.

A lot of Spurs players have marked their club debuts with a goal down the years — myself included — and it was great for Gary to do the same.

I'm sure he's going to make it very hard for the manager to leave him out of the side.

Overall, the Luton clash was a great game to play in and provided the 40,000 fans with plenty of entertainment.

We played very well in the first half and that's when we should have had the game sewn up. We could have scored four or five goals but in the end had to settle for a 2-1 lead at half-time.

A MOMENT TO TREASURE

Their first goal was a little fortunate — the ball going in off John Lacy as he tried to clear. Chris Hughton was covering behind John but he didn't shout early enough.

The goal lifted Luton and they played a lot better in the second half, eventually earning an equaliser through Brian Stein, who showed some good touches throughout the match.

There's no doubt we had most of the play and if we had a failing it was not putting our chances away. Rightfully, the boss had a bit of a go because we didn't kill them off when we should have done.

Overall, however, he was pleased with the way we played and I'm pleased that in Luton we've got another good footballing side in the First Division.

They are obviously not going to be afraid to try and win away from home and I'm sure they'll finish over half-way in the League at the end of the season.

When new signing Paul Walsh feels a little more at home I'm sure

he can get a good partnership going with Brian Stein.

They have good experience in midfield in Brian Horton and Ricky Hill and I was impressed with their Yugoslavian import Raddy Antic, who played a sweeper's role.

Given more time in the role, he can be their ace this season.

The sweeper system can be a very attacking formation as great players like West Germany's Franz Beckenbauer and Holland's Rudi Krol have shown down the years.

While we missed out on two points against Luton, we made up for it the following Tuesday with a 2-1 win over Ipswich at Portman Road.

It was one of the best Spurs performances since I've been at the club.

We really did play well and a scoreline of 5-1 in our favour would have been no injustice.

We were especially pleased because we hadn't won at Portman Road for about five years.

We were a goal down at half-time, and once more it was a case of not taking our chances as

well as we might have done.

I was worried it might turn out to be one of those games where you have all the play and lose 1-0 but we went out and completely dominated the second half and two bad defensive errors on Ipswich's part paved the way for our victory.

I was particularly pleased to see both Garth Crooks and Steve Archibald get off the mark. It's always nice for a striker to get his first goal under his belt because the longer someone goes without scoring, the more tense he becomes.

There's every chance that Garth or Steve could top the scoring charts this season. In fact, they work so well together there's no reason why they both can't be up there at the end of the season.

Ipswich may have their own challenger for leading scorer in Alan Brazil.

He was certainly their best player against us and he's impressed me every time I've seen him play.

Another player who could score a few is my fellow 'Match' columnist David Cross, who comes to White Hart Lane with his new club Manchester City on Saturday.

He's always scored goals and there's no reason why he can't continue to do so this season in a good team like City.

But we'll be out to stop him repeating his feat of last season when he came to Tottenham with West Ham and scored four!

I might meet up with my old mate Chris Jones, who joined City on a free transfer from Spurs in the close season.

We go back to our youth team days and I've always thought of Chris as a top class striker. I'm sure he could have been one of the best around today if he'd scored goals to match his ability.

I'm sure he'll fit in well at City and I wish him all the best with his new club.

See you in two weeks...

Glenn Hoddle

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton.



Spurs and England midfield magician Glenn Hoddle (below) writes just for you and only in 'Match'. Don't miss his column every fortnight.

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STAR CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

SIMON STAINROD

QUEEN'S Park Rangers striker Simon Stainrod is this week's special guest on 'Star Challenge' — the fun-packed feature that gives 'Match' readers the chance to win a super soccer souvenir.

The name of the game is forecasting football results and that's something every soccer fan loves to do.

Each week we'll be selecting ten matches and one lucky reader will get the chance to see his or her predictions in print — alongside those

of a famous player.

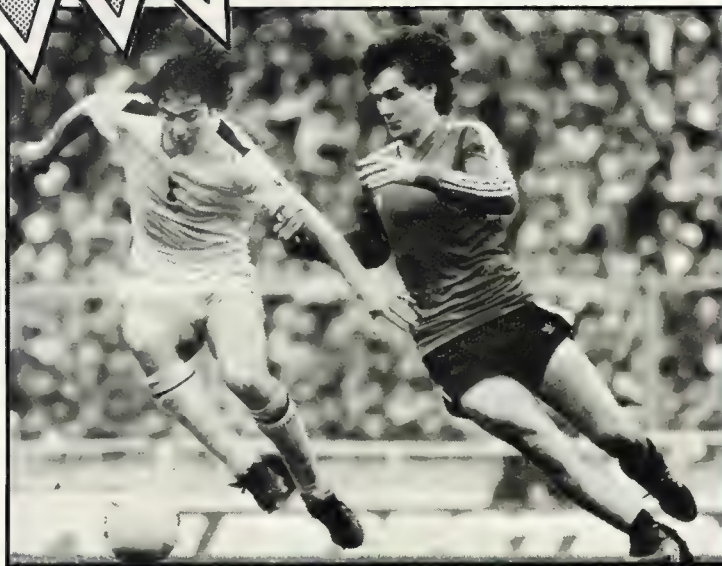
Points will be awarded depending on the accuracy of the forecasts and any reader who manages to beat a star will be awarded a special 'Star Challenge' certificate to mark his or her achievement.

Every reader lucky enough to tackle a star will receive a signed photograph — win or lose!

So, on with this week's exciting challenge — Simon Stainrod versus



This week Q.P.R. star Simon Stainrod (below, right) is challenged by 'Match' reader Mark Mitchell (above).



Q.P.R. fan Mark Mitchell (12) of Wimbledon, London.

You can see their predictions in the special panel.

Keep it by you on Saturday afternoon and, when the results come through, you'll find out who won.

There's a special column for you to fill in your forecasts too, so, just for fun, you can try and beat both Mark and Simon.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge', all you have to do is write in enclosing your name, age, address — together with black and white photograph of yourself — and, most importantly, your home telephone number.

If your name is picked out, someone from the 'Match Weekly' office will telephone you with the ten selected matches and ask for your predictions over the phone.

So get your entries in NOW and don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players.

Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

● BAD luck to 'Match' reader Robert Townsley who challenged West Ham star Trevor Brooking on the first Saturday of the season. Trevor won by six points to three. So it's Stars 1 Readers 0!

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result. Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Burnley v Rotherham	0-1	1-1		
Cambridge v Charlton	0-0	2-1		
Crystal Palace v Blackburn	2-1	1-0		
Derby v Middlesbrough	0-2	1-2		
Fulham v Bolton	1-1	2-0		
Grimsby v Shrewsbury	1-0	2-2		
Leicester v Carlisle	3-1	2-1		
Newcastle v Chelsea	2-2	0-0		
Sheff. Wed. v Leeds	3-1	3-1		
Wolves v Barnsley	2-0	1-2		

FIXTURES

Saturday, Sept. 11
DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Nott'm F
Brighton v Sunderland
Coventry v Arsenal
Liverpool v Luton
Man. Utd v Ipswich
Norwich v Southampton
Notts Co. v Everton
Stoke v Swansea
Spurs v Man. City
Watford v West Brom
W. Ham v Birmingham

DIVISION TWO

Burnley v Rotherham
Cambridge v Charlton
C. Palace v Blackburn
Derby v Middlesbrough
Fulham v Bolton
Grimsby v Shrewsbury
Leicester v Carlisle
Newcastle v Chelsea
Oldham v Q.P.R.
Sheff. Wed. v Leeds
Wolves v Barnsley

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Sheff. U.
Bradford v Newport
Brentford v Southend
Cardiff v Wigan
Chesterfield v Bristol R
Gillingham v Millwall
Huddersfield v Walsall
Lincoln v Reading
Plymouth v Orient
Portsmouth v Wrexham
Preston v Oxford

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Peterborough
Bristol C. v Blackpool
Bury v Crewe
Chester v Torquay
Darlington v Hereford
Hartlepool v Northampton
Mansfield v Port Vale
Swindon v Halifax
Wimbledon v Scunthorpe
York v Tranmere

SCOTTISH PREMIER

Aberdeen v Morton
Dundee v Motherwell
Kilmarnock v Hibernian
Rangers v Dundee Utd
St Mirren v Celtic

FIRST DIVISION

Alloa v Clydebank
Clyde v St Johnstone
Dumbarton v Falkirk
Hamilton v Dunfermline
Hearts v Ayr
Partick v Queen's Pk
Raith v Airdrie

SECOND DIVISION

Albion v East Fife
Berwick v Stranraer
Brechin v Stirling
Cowdenbeath v Montrose
East Stirling v Meadowbank
Forfar v Stenhousemuir
Queen of Sth. v Arbroath

Sunday, Sept. 12

DIVISION FOUR

Colchester v Rochdale

Wednesday, Sept. 15

SCOTTISH FIRST

Airdrie v Hamilton
Ayr v Partick
Clydebank v Dumbarton
Dunfermline v Raith
Falkirk v Alloa
Queen's Pk. v Clyde
St Johnstone v Hearts

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Forfar
East Fife v Cowdenbeath
Meadowbank v Berwick
Montrose v Brechin
Stenhousemuir v Albion
Stirling v E. Stirling
Stranraer v Queen of S

Friday, Sept. 17

DIVISION FOUR

Crewe v Colchester



Kaiser Franz set to return

FORMER West Germany captain Franz Beckenbauer could be back playing with New York Cosmos next season at the age of 36.

Beckenbauer, who played for Hamburg last season, was approached by Cosmos officials after an impressive performance in Europe's 3-2 victory over the 'Rest of the World' in New York this summer.

"The game proved to me that I can still be a highly competitive player," says the 'Kaiser', who was a television commentator in Spain.

"I may return to New York for three months or even for a full winter season."

DUD CZECHS ARE RAPPED!

TEAM manager Josef Venglos has paid the price for Czechoslovakia's poor form in the World Cup Finals.

Venglos, one of the most admired coaches in Eastern Europe, has been dismissed, and the Czechoslovakian FA have also accepted the resignation of chairman Jaromir Tomanek.

The country's football union is also calling for a major review of the structure and the

standards of League football in the country.

Venglos, 54, who became manager in 1978 after assisting the team to success in the 1976 European Championships, saw his side bow out of the World Cup without winning a game.

They lost 2-0 to England in the First Round group, drew with France and were also held by tiny Kuwait.

The new team manager is likely to be little known Frantisek Havranek with former 1976 manager Vaclav Jezek taking over as chairman of the Football Union.

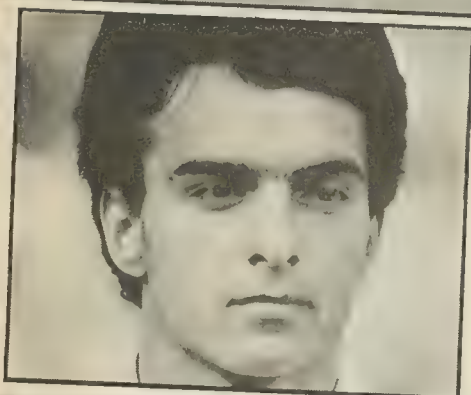
Happy Hansi

HANSI Muller, the West German World Cup player, is sure he has made the right move in joining Inter-Milan from Stuttgart.

The mid-field player said he knew he had made the right decision when he replaced skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge in the World Cup Final against Italy...

"As soon as I came on the pitch, I found myself being marked by Inter-Milan's Bergomi and I said to myself that Inter must be a good side if all their defenders were like him!"

Left: Hansi Muller — sure he's made the right decision in joining Inter-Milan.



POLISH CHIEF SACKED

THE sacking of national team manager Anton Piechniczek has sent shock waves through Polish football.

No official reason has been given for the axeing of Piechniczek, who guided Poland to fourth place in the World Cup Finals.

But the sacking comes after several weeks of severe criticism of the Polish management in Spain.

Players complained that they would have done even better if they had been better prepared and housed in more suitable accommodation.

They reckoned that in temperatures of over 100 degrees they should at least have had an hotel with a swimming pool and air-conditioned rooms.

The new manager is 47-year-old Edmund Zientara, who won 44 caps for Poland and is currently training co-ordinator for the country's FA.

Meanwhile, former Polish star Lubanski has worked himself an unusual deal after signing for French side Valenciennes.

He is being allowed to commute from his home in the Belgian town of Lokeren!

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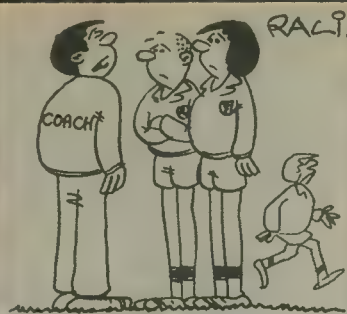
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Monday, Aug. 30 Milk Cup, First Round, First Leg

PORT VALE (0) 1 (Moss 84)
ROCHDALE (0) 0
Att: 2,565
Port Vale: ★**SIDDALL** 7, Tarrt 4, Bromage 5, Hunter 6, Sproson 5, Cegielski 4, Ridley 5, Moss 5, Earle 5 (sub. Lawrence), Armstrong 4, Waddington 6.
Rochdale: Pearce 6, Blair 6, Snookes 4, Williams 4, Trainer 5, Weir 5, Farrell 5, Hamilton 6, French 6, Wellings 5.
★**HILDITCH** 8.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Emerson 43)
WIGAN (1) 1 (O'Keefe 33)
Att: 3,418
Stockport: Lloyd 8, Thorpe 7, Rutter 8, ★**EMERSON** 9, Bowles 8, Smith 7, Williams 8, Phillips 8, Quinn 7, Park 8, Sherlock 7.
Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 8, Glenn 7, ★**O'KEEFE** 9, Cribley 7, Methven 8, Langley 8, Barrow 7, Bradd 7, Houghton 8, Rogers 8.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON (0) 1 (Lesley 60)
BRENTFORD (1) 1 (Roberts 30)
Att: 3,927
Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Peters 7, Thomas 5, Galliers 6, Tagg 7, Morris 6, Evans 6, Ketteridge 7, Lesley 6, Downs 6, ★**DIBBLE** 8.
Brentford: Roche 7, Tucker 6, Spencer 7, Booker 7, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 7, Kamara 7, ★**JOSEPH** 8, Mahoney 7, Bowles 6, Roberts 7.
Referee: T. Bune (Newbury)
Match Rating: ★★

Tuesday, Aug. 31 Division One

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Woodcock 72)
NORWICH (0) 1 (Deehan 73)
Att: 22,652
Arsenal: Wood 5, Hollins 6, Sansom 6 (sub. Devine 6), Talbot 7, Davis 7, Whyte 7, Robson 6, Sunderland 6, ★**WOODCOCK** 8, Chapman 6, Rix 7.
Norwich: Woods 6, Haylock 6, Smith 7, McGuire 5, Walford 6, Watson 5, Barham 7, ★**O'NEILL** 8, Deehan 6, Bertschin 7, Mendham 7 (sub. Mountford).
Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Att: 20,176
Birmingham: Blyth 7, ★**LANGAN** 8 (sub. Hagan), Hawker 6, Scott 6, Van den Hauwe 7, Broadhurst 7, Van Mierlo 7, Evans 6, Harford 7, Curbishley 6, Carrodus 6.
Liverpool: ★**GROBBELAAR** 9, Neal 6, Kennedy 6, Thompson 7, Nicol 6, Whelan 7, Dalglish 6, Lee 7, Rush 7, Hodgson 6, Souness 7.
Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (3) 5 (Heath 7, 32, King 41, Sharp 87, pen 89)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Att: 24,026
Everton: Southall 6, Borrows 6, Bailey 6, Higgins 6, Wright 6, McMahon 7, Irvine 6 (sub. Richardson 6), ★**HEATH** 8, Sharp 7, King 6, Sheedy 7.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 5, Swain 4, Williams 6, Evans 5 (sub. Heard 5), McNaught 6, Mortimer 6, Bremner 5, Shaw 5, ★**WALTERS** 7, Cowans 6, Morley 6.
Referee: A. Challinor (Maltby)
Match Rating: ★★

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Brazil 32)
TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Archibald 73, Crooks 79)
Att: 25,000
Ipswich: ★**COOPER** 8, Burley 7, Mills 6, Thijssen 6, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6, McCall 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 7, Gates 7 (sub. O'Callaghan 6).
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Miller 7, Lacy 8, Brooke 7, Perryman 7, Mabbutt 7, Archibald 7, Galvin 7, ★**HODDLE** 9, Crooks 8.
Referee: A. Grey (Great Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

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★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★ A waste of money

LUTON (0) 0
WEST HAM (0) 2 (Goddard 50, Bonds 66)
Att: 13,403
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, ★**MONEY** 8, Horton 7, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Hill 7, Stein 6, Walsh 6, Antic 7, Moss 7.
West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, ★**BONDS** 9, Martin 7, Devonshire 8, Van der Elst 7, Goddard 8, Clark 7, Allen 7, Neighbour 6 (sub. Morgan 6).
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Lawrence 17)
WATFORD (2) 4 (Callaghan 13, 33, Armstrong 48, Jenkins 77)
Att: 19,714
Southampton: Shilton 6, Wright 5, Rofe 5, Williams 6, Nicholl 7, Agboola 5, Ball 6, ★**LAWRENCE** 8, Fashanu 6, Armstrong 6, Puckett 7.
Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 7, Rostron 6, Blissett 7, Bolton 6, Jackett 6, ★**CALLAGHAN** 8, Armstrong 7, Jenkins 6, Lohman 7, Barnes 7.
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 2 (James, R pen 59, Latchford 64)
COVENTRY (1) 1 (Whitton 13)
Att: 11,712
Swansea: Davies 6, Marustik 6 (sub. Curtis 6), Hadziabdic 7, Irwin 7, Mahoney 6, Rajkovic 7, James, L 6, ★**JAMES**, R 8, Charles 6, Stevenson 6, Latchford 6.
Coventry: ★**SUCKLING** 8, Thomas 7, Roberts 6, Jacobs 7, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Singleton 6 (sub. Hormantschuck 6), Francis 7, Hateley 6, Thompson 6, Whitton 6.
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Thomas (Coventry)

Division Two

CHELSEA (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 0
Att: 14,192
Chelsea: Francis 7, Nutton 7, Hutchings 6, Chivers 7, ★**DROY** 8, Pates 7, Walker 7, Bumstead 5, Lee 5, Robson 6, Fillyer 7.
Wolves: ★**BURRIDGE** 8, Humphrey 6, Wintersgill 5 (sub. Smith 6), Palmer 6, Pender 6, Coy 6, Daniel 7, Clarke 6, Livingstone 7, Eves 7, Matthews 7.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★★

QPR (1) 2 (Sealy 10, 82)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Reilly 53)
Att: 9,686
QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 7, Dawes 7, Waddock 7, Hazell 8, Fenwick 6, ★**MICKLEWHITE** 9, Stewart 8, Sealy 7, Stainrod 7, Gregory 7.
Cambridge: Webster 6, Donaldson 6, Murray 7, Smith 6, Fallon 7, ★**STREETE** 8, O'Neill 6, Cartwright 5 (sub. Finney 6), Reilly 7, Mayo 7, Nicholls 6.
Referee: R. G. Milford (Woking)
Match Rating: ★★

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Gow 44)
LEICESTER (1) 3 (Melrose 10, Smith, A 48, Lineker 88)
Att: 9,244
Rotherham: Mimms 6, Forrest 7, Breckin 7, Hughes 7, Stancliffe 5, Green 5, Townner 7, Gow 7, Moore 6, Seasman 6, ★**MCBRIDE** 8.
Leicester: ★**WALLINGTON** 8, Ramsey 6, Friar 6, MacDonald 7, May 7, O'Neill 6, Lynex 7 (sub. Lineker 7), Kelly 7, Smith, A 6, Melrose 7, Smith, B 6.
Referee: R. F. Nixon (West Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Kelly (Leicester)

Milk Cup First Round, First Leg

BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 2 (Randall 44, Williams, D 64)
TORQUAY (0) 2 (Cooper 60, 68)
Att: 3,629
Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Curle 6, Slatter 6, McCaffery 6, Parkin 6, Hughes 6 (sub. Kelly 6), Williams, G 7, Williams, D 7, ★**STEPHENS** 8, Randall 7, Barrett 6.
Torquay: Horn 7, Doyle 6, Smith 6, Wilson 6, Wigginton 7, Sheridan 6 (sub. Rioch), ★**GRAPES** 8, Jones 7, Bishop 6, Cooper 7, Gallagher 6.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (2) 3 (Cruickshank 1, Gore 35, Jakub 61)
BURNLEY (2) 5 (Scott 26, Wharton 36, Phelan 63, Steven 80, McGee 85)
Att: 3,111
Bury: Platt 6, Gardner 6, Kenworthy 5, Gore 7, Hilton, P 6, Bramhall 7, Potts 6, Madden 6, Parker 7, ★**JAKUB** 8, Cruickshank 7.
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 7, Wharton 6, Scott 6 (sub. Taylor), Phelan 7, Holt 7, Dobson 7, ★**STEVEN** 8, Hamilton 7, McGee 6, Young 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (0) 2 (Bennett, D 85, Gibbins 88)
HEREFORD (0) 1 (Showers 61)
Att: 1,808
Cardiff: Thomas 5, Jones 6, Bodin 6, Bennett, G 6 (sub. Micallef 6), Pontin 6, Mullen 7, ★**BENNETT**, D 8, Tong 5, Gibbins 6, Hemmerman 6, Lewis 6.
Hereford: Jackson 5, Price 6, ★**BARTLEY** 9, 8, Pejic 6, Spiring 5, Musial 6, Crabbe 6, Harvey 5, Phillips 5, Showers 6, White 6.
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

CARLISLE (1) 3 (Staniforth 21, Ashurst 51, Coughlin 58)
BOLTON (2) 3 (Doyle 33, Hoggan 37, Moores 80)
Att: 4,239
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Haigh 7, Rushbury 6, Ashurst 6, Houghton 6, ★**CRAIG** 8, Staniforth 7, Coughlin 7, Poskett 6, Hornsby 7, Shoulder 6.
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 7, Bennett 7, McGovern 7, Jones 6 (sub. Berry 6), Doyle 7, ★**CHANDLER** 8, Henry 7, Moores 5, Reid 6, Hoggan 7.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

CHESTERFIELD (1) 2 (Dawson 21, Windridge 87)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Linighan 75)
Att: 1,690
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 5, Partridge 6, Wilson 6, Green 6, Henson 5, Windridge 7, ★**HENDERSON** 8, Dawson 7, Kowalski 6, Carroll 5 (sub. O'Neill).
Hartlepool: ★**WATSON** 7, Brown 5, Stimpson 5, Hogan 6, Bird 5, Linighan 6, Bainbridge 6, Lawrence 6, Newton 6, Smith 5, Johnson 6.
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

COLCHESTER (2) 2 (Wignall 13, Groves 35)
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
Att: 1,665
Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 7, Coleman 6, Groves 7, Wignall 7, Hunter 7, Allinson 6, ★**OSBORNE** 8, Lyons 7 (sub. Bremner 6), O'Donoghue 6, Leslie 6.
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 6, Gillard 6, Birtles 6, Wood 6, Jopling 5, Shrubbs 6, ★**BANTON** 7, Goddard 6, McDonald 5, Brodie 5.
Referee: M. Dumblebee (Sutton)
Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (0) 1 (Craven 51)
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Hutchinson 80)
Att: 1,907
Crewe: Smith 7, Moore 6, Bowers 6, Salathiel 6, Scott 5, ★**PURDIE** 8, Haslegrave 6, Sutton 7, Goodwin 6, Evans 6, Craven 7.
Tranmere: Endersby 7, Mungall 6, Burgess 6, Parry 8, ★**HAMILTON** 9, Williams 6, Powell 6, Hutchinson 7, Kerr 7, Mooney 6, Griffiths 6.
Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 2 (Hinshelwood 62, 67)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Att: 5,631
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, Hinshelwood 7, Williams 7, ★**HUGHTON** 8, Cannon 7, Nebbeling 7, Giles 6, Lovell 6, Langley 6, Mabbutt 6 (sub. Price 6), Hilaire 7.
Portsmouth: Knight 5, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 6, Doyle 6, Howe 7, Aizlewood 6, Ellis 6 (sub. Senior 6), ★**WEBB** 8, Tait 7, Biley 6, Rogers 7.
Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0
PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Gynn 38, Cooke 58)
 Att: 2,436

Darlington: Cuff 6, Brissett 6, Wilson 6,
★SMITH 8, Kamara 7, Gilbert 6, Wicks 5
 (sub. Stalker), McLean 7, Dunn 7, Walsh 7,
 McFadden 6.
Peterborough: ★SEAMAN 9, Winters 6,
 Collins 7, Gynn 6, Firm 7, Rodaway 6, Slack 6,
 Linton 7, Cooke 6, Benjamin 7, Chard 6.
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

GILLINGHAM (2) 3 (Bruce 23, Cascarino 35,
 61)
ORIENT (0) 0
 Att: 2,984

Gillingham: Sutton 7, Sharpe 6, Sittin 7,
 Bruce 7, Weatherly 7, Shaw 6, ★POWELL 8,
 Tydeman 7, Cascarino 7, Grewcock 7, Lee 6.
Orient: Day 6, Fisher 6, Peach 6, Foster 6,
 ★GRAY 7, Roffey 6, Godfrey 6, Donn 6,
 Houchen 6, Vincent 6, Taylor 6 (sub. Blackhall
 6).
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HALIFAX (0) 2 (Davison 80, Staniforth 88)
DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst 85)
 Att: 2,820

Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 6, Carr 6, Evans 7
 (sub. Wood), Smith 7, ★HENDRIE 8,
 Hallybone 6, Davison 7, Spooner 6, Staniforth
 7, Ward 7.
Derby: Banovic 7, Barton 6, Attley 6, Powell
 7, Foster 6, McAlle 6, Broly 7,
 ★SKIVINGTON 8, Wilson 6 (sub. Emson 6),
 Swindlehurst 7, Reid 7.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Stanton 71)
DONCASTER (1) 1 (Graham 6)
 Att: 4,430

Huddersfield: Cox, B 6, Brown 6, Valentine 7,
 Stanton 6, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6, ★LILLIS 8,
 Cox, M 7, Austin 6, Wilson 6, Greenwood 7.
Doncaster: ★PEACOCK 8, Russell 7, Mell
 6, Snodin 17, Cawthorne 6, Humphries 6,
 Pugh 6, Liddell 7, Douglas 6, Graham 6, Lister
 7.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

MILLWALL (0) 0
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Syrett 25, Saxby 65)
 Att: 2,947

Millwall: Gleasure 6, Stevens 6, Robinson 7,
 Chatterton 7, Allardye 6, Madden 5, Carr 7,
 Neal 6, ★AYLOTT 8, Martin 5, West 6 (sub.
 Horrix 6).
Northampton: ★FREEMAN 8, Brady 6,
 Phillips 7, Gage 7, Burrows 7, Heeley 7,
 Saunders 6, Saxby 7, Syrett 7, Massey 6,
 Denyer 6.
Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Sims 84, 87)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 3,103

Plymouth: ★CRUDDINGTON 8, Nisbet 6,
 Uzzell 5, Harrison 6, Phillipson-Masters 5,
 Cooper 6, Hodges 7, Cook 6, Sims 7, Gooding
 5, Rogers 6.
Bournemouth: Allen 5, Heffe 6, Sulley 5,
 Spackman 6, Brignull 5, Imray 6, Carter 5,
 Williams 6, Morgan 6, Crawford 7,
 ★DAWTRY 8.
Referee: T. Stevens (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cowling 85)
GRIMSBY (0) 2 (Drinkell 57, 86)
 Att: 2,620

Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 6, Oates 6,
 Fowler 7, ★BOXALL 8, Hunter 7, Cammack
 6, Parkinson 7, Cowling 6, Telfer 6, Leman 7
 (sub. O'Berg 6).
Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 6, Crombie 7,
 Waters 7, Cooper 6, Moore, K 7, Ford 7,
 Kilmore 6, ★DRINKELL 8, Bonnyman 7,
 Whymark 7.
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 3 (Young 73, 76,
 Edwards 81)
HULL (0) 1 (Whitehurst 88)
 Att: 7,036

Sheff Utd: Conroy 6, Henderson 7, Garner 7,
 McHale 6, MacPhail 7, Kenworthy 7 (sub.
 Morris 7), Curran 7, Arnott 6, Edwards 7,
 ★YOUNG 8, King 7.
Hull: Norman 6, Swann 7, McNeil 6, Roberts,
 D 7, Skipper 7, Booth 6, Marwood 7,
 McClaren 7 (sub. Flounders),
 ★WHITEHURST 8, Mutrie 6, Roberts, G 7.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆
Sending Off: Marwood (Hull)

SWINDON (1) 2 (Rideout, pen 11, 89)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Boyle 80)
 Att: 3,736

Swindon: Allan 6, Henry 6, Baddeley 6,
 Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7, Graham 7, Pritchard 6
 (sub. Carter), Hughes 7, ★RIDEOUT 8,
 Rowland 6, Barnard 7.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 6, Newman 6,
 Williams 7, ★BOYLE 8, Riley 7, Economou 6,
 Musker 6 (sub. Bray 7), Cooper 6, Ritchie 6,
 Crawford 6.
Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WALSALL (0) 0
PRESTON (0) 1 (Naughton 75)
 Att: 2,490

Walsall: Green 8, Arthur 5, Mower 6 (sub.
 Round), Beech 6, Marshall 5, Hart 7, Rees 5,
 Sinnott 7, Kearns 6, Buckley 5, ★PREECE 9.
Preston: Litchfield 7, Walsh 7, McAtter 7,
 O'Riordan 8, Westwell 7, Farrelly 7, Kelly 7,
 Bell 8, Elliott 7, ★NAUGHTON 9, Bruce 7.
Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WREXHAM (1) 1 (Hunt 33)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
 Att: 3,218

Wrexham: ★NIEDZWIECKI 9, Jones 6,
 Bater 6, Arkwright 7, Dowman 6, Hill 5, Hunt
 6, Gregory 6, Fox 7, Edwards 6, Buxton 6.
Shrewsbury: ★OGRIZOVIC 9, Williams 6,
 Johnson 6, Sankey 7, Griffin 7, Pearson 6,
 Petts 6, MacLaren 6, Brown 8, Cross 8, Pates
 7.
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

YORK (1) 2 (Walwyn 13, Byrne 78)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Hobson 80)
 Att: 1,982

York: Jones 8, Evans 6, Hay 6, Sbragia 6,
 ★SMITH 9, Hood 5, Pollard 6, Ford 6,
 Walwyn 7, Byrne 7, Loverick 7.
Lincoln: Felgate 6, Carr 7, Heath 6,
 ★COCKERILL 8, Peake 7, Thompson 6,
 Hibberd 5 (sub. Bell 5), Turner 6, Hobson 6,
 Cunningham 7, Shipley 6.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Wednesday, Sept. 1 European Cup Winners' Cup Preliminary Round, Second Leg

FC SION (Switzerland) (1) 1 (Bregy)
ABERDEEN (1) 4 (McGhee 2, Miller, Hewitt)
 Att: 2,400

(Aberdeen win 11-2 on aggregate)

European Cup Preliminary Round, Second Leg

**Valerengen (Norway) 2, Dynamo Bucharest
 (Romania) 1** — (Dynamo win 4-3 on
 aggregate)

Division One

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Cross 46)
STOKE (0) 0
 Att: 27,847

Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 5,
 Baker 7, Bond 6, Caton 7, Hareide 7, Reeves
 7, ★CROSS 8, Hartford 7, Power 6.
Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin 5, Hampton 5, Bracewell
 6, McAughtrie 5, Berry 6, Griffiths 6 (sub.
 Maguire), McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 7, Thomas
 7, ★CHAMBERLAIN 9.
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 3 (Wilkins 73,
 Whiteside 82, Robson 85)
 Att: 23,748

Nott'm Forest: ★SUTTON 8, Anderson 6,
 Bowyer 6, Prector 6, Young 6, Todd 7, Hodge
 6, Wallace 6, Plummer 6, Walsh 6, Robertson
 6.
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6,
 Wilkins 7, Moran 6, McQueen 6, ★ROBSON
 8, Muhren 7, Stapleton 7, Whiteside 7,
 Coppell 7.
Referee: T. Ward (London)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆
Sending Off: Todd (Nott'm Forest)

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Rowell 89)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Christie 55)
 Att: 18,997

Sunderland: Turner 6, Venison 6, Munro 7,
 Atkins 6, Hindmarch 6, Elliott 7, ★BUCKLEY
 8, West 7, McCoist 6, Pickering 7 (sub. Rowell
 7), Cummins 6.
Notts County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 6,
 Worthington 6, Hunt 6, Kilcline 7, Richards 6,
 Chiedozie 7 (sub. McParland 6), Harkouk 6,
 Christie 7, ★LAHTINEN 8, Mair 6.
Referee: A. Robinson (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

WEST BROM (0) 5 (Cross 56, Brown 69, 76,
 Jol 70, Eastoe 82)
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att: 11,546

West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 6, Whitehead 7,
 Zondervan 7, Bennett 6, Robertson 6, Jol 6,
 Brown 7, Eastoe 6, ★OWEN 8, Cross 5.
Brighton: Digweed 6, Shanks 5, Pearce 5
 (sub. Foster 5), Grealish 6, Stevens 6, Gatting
 6, Smillie 6, ★RITCHIE 7, Robinson 6,
 McNab 6, Smith 6.
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 1 (Bell 78)
NEWCASTLE (2) 2 (Keegan 26, Martin 33)
 Att: 14,021

Blackburn: Gennoe 5, Branagan 5,
 ★RATHBONE 7, Randell 6, Barton 6,
 Fazackerley 6, Miller 5, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5,
 Garner 6, Brotherston 5.
Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Craggs 6, Saunders
 5, Martin 6, ★CLARKE 7, Haddock 5, Keegan
 6, Cartwright 6, Varadi 6, Wharton 5, Waddle
 5.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

Milk Cup First Round, First Leg

BRADFORD (0) 1 (Campbell 53)
MANSFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 3,265

Bradford: McManus 6, McCall 6, Chapman 7,
 Lester 6, Cooke 7, Jackson 7, Gray 6,
 Gallagher 7, ★CAMPBELL 8, McNiven 6,
 Mellor 7.
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Bell 6, Kennedy 7, Day
 6, Ayre 6, Bird 7, Matthews 6, ★CALDWELL
 8, Waddle 5, Dungworth 5, Laidlaw 6.
Referee: A. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

EXETER (0) 1 (Kellow 75)
NEWPORT (1) 2 (Lowndes 15, Gwyther 78)
 Att: 2,292

Exeter: Bond 5, Kirkup 5, Viney 6, McEwan 6,
 Roberts 5, Howarth 5, Harle 5, Rogers, P 5,
 ★KELLOW 7, Delve 6, Pullar 5.
Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 6, Vaughan 6,
 ★BAILEY 8, Relish 7, Stroud 6, Lowndes 7,
 Gwyther 7, Tynan 7, Elsey 6, Moore 6.
Referee: M. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Nelson 29)
FULHAM (0) 0
 Att: 2,671

Southend: Cawston 6, Stead 7, Yates 6, Clark
 5, Moody 7, Cusack 6, Pountney 5,
 ★PHILLIPS 8, Mercer 6, Pennyfather 6,
 Nelson 7.
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Lock 6,
 O'Driscoll 6, Brown 7, Gale 5, Davies 7,
 Wilson 5, Coney 6, ★HOUGHTON 8,
 Lewington 6.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

READING (0) 0
OXFORD (2) 2 (Fogg, pen 12, Barnett 28)
 Att: 2,786

Reading: Fearon 5, Williams 5, White 5 (sub
 Richardson 5), Beavon 6, Hicks 5, Wood 5,
 Earles 5, Kearney 5, ★DIXON 7, Bason 5,
 Donnellan 5.
Oxford: ★BURTON 8, Linney 6, Fogg 6,
 Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Brock 6, Barnett
 7, Biggins 6, Vinter 6, Hebbard 6.
Referee: J. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

CHESTER (1) 1 (Sloan 15)
BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Bamber 75, Serella 85)
 Att: 2,557

Chester: Millington 6, Edwards 6, Bradley 5,
 Zelem 5, Lane 6, Dean 7, Sloan 7, Johnson 6,
 Simpson 5, Cooke 7, ★THOMAS 8.
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Butler 6, Brockbank 5,
 Deary 6, Hetzke 6, Serella 7, Noble 6,
 Hockaday 7, ★BAMBER 8, Pashley 5,
 Downes 6.
Referee: D. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★☆☆

SCOTTISH League Cup Section One

ALLOA (0) 3 (Garner 54, Murray 70, Houston
 77)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
 Att: 636

CELTIC (3) 4 (MacLeod 6, Nicholas 21,
 McCluskey 25, Dobbin 55)
ARBRATH (0) 0
 Att: 5,202

Section Two

DUNDEE (3) 3 (Ferguson 2, Mackie 20, Kidd
 43)
MORTON (1) 3 (Hutchison 27, Rooney 51,
 80)
 Att: 1,888

Section Three

AIRDRIE (1) 3 (Campbell 20, Miller 48,
 Faulds 89)
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Rae 22)
 Att: 1,500

RANGERS (0) 3 (MacDonald 52, Prytz, pen
 73, Redford 85)
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Williamson 24, Treanor
 66)
 Att: 5,000

Section Four

RAITH (0) 1 (Harris 47)
DUNDEE UNITED (1) 3 (Bannon, pen 45,
 Dadds 70, Sturrock 74)
 Att: 1,450

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Morton, pen 53)
FALKIRK (0) 0
 Att: 1,262

Section Five

FORFAR (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (O'Hara 64)
 Att: 1,079

HEARTS (2) 3 (Shields 9, Pettigrew 20,
 Bowman 65)
CLYDE (0) 0
 Att: 5,000

Section Six

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 1 (Robertson
 15)
AYR (1) 4 (Shanks 38, McNally 48, 58,
 Larnach 85)
 Att: 798

ST MIRREN (0) 0
STIRLING (0) 0
 Att: 2,354

Section Seven

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Whittaker, og 57)
PARTICK (0) 1 (McDonald 80)
 Att: 645

EAST STIRLING (0) 0
EAST FIFE (0) 0
 Att: 432

Section Eight

HAMILTON (0) 0
BREWICK (0) 1 (Romaines, pen 50)
 Att: 500

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KILMARNOCK (1) 5 (Bourke 33, 51, McLean 60, Callaghan 65, Mauchlen 71)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Gilmour 81)
 Att: 1,045

Section Nine Play-Off

COWDENBEATH (0) 3 (McFarland 62, Liddle 66, Hyslop 69)
MEADOWBANK (0) 0
 Att: 461

Friday, Sept. 3 Division Four

CREWE (0) 2 (Craven 62, Evans 88)
DARLINGTON (2) 5 (Gilbert 19, McLean 40, Dunn 56, Smith 70, McFadden 86)
 Att: 1,739
Crewe: Smith 6, Moore 4, Bowers 5, Salathiel 6, Scott 4, Purdie 6 (sub. Jones 5), Haslegrave 5, Sutton 4, ★**GOODWIN** 7, Evans 5, Craven 6.
Darlington: Cuff 6, Brissett 6, Wilson 7, ★**SMITH** 8, Kamara 6, Gilbert 7 (sub. Hawker 6), Wicks 6, McLean 7, Dunn 6, Walsh 7, McFadden 7.
Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Fernhill Heath)
Match Rating: ★★★

HALIFAX (0) 0
MANSFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 2,225
Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 7, Carr 6, ★**EVANS** 8, Smith 7, Hendrie 6, Hallybone 7, Davison 6, Spooner 6, Staniforth 6, Ward 7.
Mansfield: ★**ARNOLD** 8, Bell 6, Kennedy 6, Day 6, Ayre 7, Bird 7, Matthews 7, Caldwell 7, (sub. Nicholson), Waddle 6, Dungworth 6, Laidlaw 6.
Referee: R. Nixon (West Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, Sept. 4 Division One

ARSENAL (0) 0
LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Hodgson 41, Neal 82)
 Att: 36,429
Arsenal: Wood 7, Hollins 7, ★**DEVINE** 8, Talbot 7, O'Leary 6, Whyte 7, Robson 7, Davis 6, Chapman 6, Woodcock 6, Rix 6.
Liverpool: ★**GROBBELAAR** 9, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Thompson 6, Lawrenson 8, Whelan 7, Dalglish 6, Lee 6, Rush 7, Hodgson 7, Souness 7.
Referee: J. E. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Curbishley 74)
STOKE (4) 4 (Hawker, og 20, Chamberlain 34, 37, Griffiths 45)
 Att: 14,412
Birmingham: Blyth 6, Langan 6, Hawker 5, Scott 5, Van den Hauwe 5, Broadhurst 6, Van Mierlo 5, Dillon 6, Harford 6, ★**CURBISHLEY** 7, Carrodus 5.
Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin 7, Hampton 7, Bracewell 7, McLaughtrie 7 (sub. Maguire), Berry 7, Griffiths 6, McIlroy 7, O'Callaghan 6, Thomas 7, ★**CHAMBERLAIN** 9.
Referee: D. B. Allison (Lancaster)
Match Rating: ★★★
 Sending Off: Dillon (Birmingham)

EVERTON (3) 3 (Sheedy 7, Wright 17, McMahon 34)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Archibald 35)
 Att: 30,553
Everton: Southall 7, Borrows 8, Bailey 8, Higgins 6, Wright 7, McMahon 8, Ainscow 6, Heath 7, Sharp 8, King 8, ★**SHEEDY** 9.
Spurs: Clemence 8, Hughton 6, Miller 7 (sub. Hazard 6), Lacy 7, ★**BROOKE** 9, Perryman 6, Mabbutt 8, Archibald 8, Galvin 7, Hoddle 6, Crooks 8.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
 Sendings Off: Lacy (Spurs), Bailey (Everton)

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mariner 72)
COVENTRY (0) 1 (Thomas 87)
 Att: 16,662
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, Mills 7, Thijssen 7, ★**OSMAN** 8, Butcher 7, Wark 7, McCall 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 6, Gates 6.
Coventry: Sealey 7, ★**THOMAS** 8, Roberts 6, Jacobs 7, Dyson 6, Gillespie 7, Hormantschuk 5, Francis 6, Hateley 6, Thompson 5, Whittin 5.
Referee: M. James (Horsham)
Match Rating: ★★

LUTON (2) 5 (Walsh 15, 65, 67, Hill 43, Moss 50)
NOTTS COUNTY (2) 3 (Kilcline 24, Chiedoie 33, Goodwin 68)
 Att: 9,071
Luton: Findlay 7, Stevens 7, Money 7 (sub. Small 6), Horton 8, Goodyear 6, Donaghy 7, Hill 8, Stein 8, ★**WALSH** 9, Antic 7, Moss 6.
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 8, Worthington 7, Hunt 7, Kilcline 7, Richards 6, Chiedoie 8, ★**HARKOUK** 9, Christie 6, Goodwin 7 (sub. McParland), Blair 6.
Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Tueart 76)
WATFORD (0) 0
 Att: 29,617
Man City: Corrigan (sub. Tueart 7), Ranson 7, ★**MCDONALD** 9, Baker 6, Bond 7, Caton 7, Hareside 7, Reeves 7, Cross 6, Hartford 8, Power 7.
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, ★**ROSTRON** 8, Blissett 6, Bolton 5, Jackett 6, Callaghan 6, Armstrong 6, Jenkins 6, Lohman 5 (sub. Taylor), Barnes 6.
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (2) 4 (Wallace 13, 60, Robertson, pen 40, Walsh 75)
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att: 13,709
Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Anderson 6, Bowyer 6, Proctor 6, Young 6, Todd 7, Plummer 6, ★**WALLACE** 8, Birtles 7 (sub. Hodge 6), Walsh 6, Robertson 7.
Brighton: Digweed 6, Shanks 5, Pearce 5, (sub. Smillie 5), Grealish 5, Foster 5, Gating 5, Case 5, ★**RITCHIE** 7, Robinson 6, McNab 6, Stevens 6.
Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 (Fashanu 2)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Att: 17,943
Southampton: ★**SHILTON** 9, Baker 5, Rofe 5, Williams 8, Nicholl 6, Wright 5, Ball 5, Lawrence 6, Fashanu 6, Armstrong 5, Puckett 6.
Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, Jones 6, Heard 6, Bremner 7, McNaught 6, ★**MORTIMER** 8, Blair 5, Geddis 6, Withe 7, Cowans 6, Morley 5.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Rowell 15)
WEST HAM (0) 0
 Att: 19,239
Sunderland: Turner 7, Venison 7, Munro 7, Atkins 7, Hindmarch 7, Elliott 7, ★**BUCKLEY** 8, Rowell 7, McCoist 7, Pickering 7, Cummins 7.
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 7, Lampard 7, Bonds 7, ★**MARTIN** 8, Devonshire 7, Van der Elst 6, Goddard 6, Clark 6, Allen 6, Pike 6.
Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (3) 4 (Latchford 13, 31, 81, James, R 41)
NORWICH (0) 0
 Att: 11,694
Swansea: Davies 7, Marustik 7, Hadziabdic 6, Irwin 6, Stevenson 7, Rajkovic 7, Curtis 7, James, R 7, James, L 8, Charles 6 (sub. Stanley 6), ★**LATCHFORD** 9.
Norwich: Woods 6, Haylock 6, Smith 6, McGuire 6, ★**WALFORD** 7, Watson 5, Barham 5, O'Neill 5, Deehan 6, Bertschin 6, Mendham 6.
Referee: B. T. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WEST BROM (0) 3 (Bennett 46, Eastoe 60, Brown 73)
MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Robson 36)
 Att: 25,014
West Brom: Grew 6, Batson 7, Whitehead 7, Zondervan 6, ★**BENNETT** 8, Robertson 7, Jol 6, Brown 7, Regis 6, Owen 7, Eastoe 6.
Man Utd: Bailey 6, Duxbury 6, Albiston 6, ★**WILKINS** 8, Moran 6, McQueen 7, Robson 7, Muhren 5, Stapleton 6, Whiteside 7, Coppell 7.
Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Futcher, og 48)
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Palmer 47)
 Att: 11,909
Barnley: Horn 6, Joyce 5, Chambers 6, Ronson 7, Banks 6, ★**MCCARTHY** 8, Souter 7, Parker 6, Airey 7, Mann 6, Campbell 5.
Oldham: Hodge 6, Sinclair 6, Ryan 6, Keegan 5, ★**CLEMENTS** 8, Futcher 7, Heaton 6, Atkinson 7, Humphreys 5, Wylde 6, Palmer 6.
Referee: G. Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★

BLACKBURN (2) 3 (Garner 16, 44, Bell 89)
CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Mayo 7)
 Att: 4,562
Blackburn: Gennoe 6, Branagan 6, Rathbone 6, Hamilton 6, Barton 6, Fazackerley 6, Miller 5, Stonehouse 5, Bell 5, ★**GARNER** 7, Brotherton 6.
Cambridge: Key 6, Donaldson 5, Murray 5, Smith 6, Fallon 6, Reilly 6, Cartwright 5, O'Neill 5, Mayo 5 (sub. Nicholls 5), ★**STREETE** 7, Turner 6.
Referee: J. D. Hough (Macclesfield)
Match Rating: ★★

BOLTON (3) 3 (Henry 17, pen 37, Reid 27)
NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Keegan, pen 90)
 Att: 17,707
Bolton: McDonagh 6, Whitworth 6, Bennett 8, McGovern 7, Jones 7, Doyle 6, Chandler 8, ★**HENRY** 9, Moores 8, Reid 7, Hoggan 7.
Newcastle: Hardwick 6, Craggs 5, Saunders 6, Martin 6, ★**CLARKE** 8, Haddock 6, Keegan 7, Cartwright 6, Varadi 7, Wharton 6, Waddle 6.
Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Shoulder 50, Staniforth, pen 55)
GRIMSBY (0) 3 (Drinkell 51, 78, Waters, pen 63)
 Att: 4,683
Carlisle: Swinburne 6, Haigh 7, Rushbury 6, Ashurst 7, Houghton 6 (sub. Lee 6), Craig 5, Staniforth 6, ★**COUGHLIN** 8, Poskett 7, Hornsby 6, Shoulder 7.
Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore, D 7, Crombie 5, Waters 7, Cooper 6, Moore, K 6, Ford 5 (sub. Speight), Kilmore 5, ★**DRINKELL** 8, Bonnyman 7, Whymark 6.
Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHARLTON (0) 0
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 3 (Taylor 44, Bannister, pen 69, Pearson 80)
 Att: 8,327
Charlton: ★**JOHNS** 8, McAllister 5, Ferns 6, Mehmet 5, Elliott 6, Phillips 5, Harris 7, Bullivant 4, White 5, Hales 5, Walker 5.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Shirliff 6, Bailey 7, Smith 7, Lyons 8, Shelton 7, Megson 7, Taylor 8, Bannister 8, ★**MIROCEVIC** 9, Pearson 7.
Referee: I. Borrett (Eye, Suffolk)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CHELSEA (0) 1 (Droy 50)
LEICESTER (0) 1 (Lineker 85)
 Att: 14,127
Chelsea: Francis 6, Nutton 6, Hutchings 5, Chivers 5, ★**DROY** 9, Pates 7, McAndrew 7, Bumstead 6, Lee 7, Robson 8, Fillery 8.
Leicester: Wallington 5, Ramsey 5 (sub. Lynex 6), Friar 7, MacDonald 7, May 6, O'Neill 7, Kelly 6, Lineker 7, Smith, A 7, Melrose 7, ★**SMITH**, B 8.
Referee: D. Axcell (Southend)
Match Rating: ★★

LEEDS (0) 0
WOLVES (0) 0
 Att: 16,462
Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 6, Gray, E 7, Dickinson 6, Hart 6, Thomas 6, Connor 6 (sub. Cherry), Butterworth 7, Worthington 5, ★**GRAY**, F 8, Graham 7.
Wolves: ★**BURRIDGE** 8, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6, Smith 6, Pender 6, Coy 7, Daniel 6, Clarke 5, Gray 6, Eves 7, Matthews 6.
Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Shearer 78)
BURNLEY (3) 4 (Dobson 12, Laws 31, Young 32, Hamilton 59)
 Att: 8,074
Middlesbrough: Platt 6, Brownlie 5, Bolton 5, Ross 5, Baxter 5, ★**WOOD** 7, Cochrane 5 (sub. Otto 5), Kennedy 5, Shearer 6, MacDonald 5, Bell 5.
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Laws 8, Wharton 8, Scott 7, Phelan 7, Holt 7, ★**DOBSON** 9, Steven 7, Hamilton 8, McGee 7, Young 8.
Referee: C. Seel (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

QPR (1) 4 (Gregory 3, Fenwick, pen 60, Stainrod 71, 80)
DERBY (1) 1 (Gamble 8)
 Att: 10,217
QPR: Hucker 7, Neill 7, Dawes 7, Waddock 8, Hazell 7, Fenwick 7, Micklewhite 7, Stewart 7 (sub. Wilkins), Sealy 6, ★**STAINROD** 9, Gregory 7.
Derby: ★**BANOVIC** 9, Barton 7, Attley 6, Powell 5, Foster 6, McAlle 6, Broly 5, Skivington 6 (sub. Hill 6), Gamble 7, Swindlehurst 7, Reid 6.
Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Swindlehurst (Derby)

ROTHERHAM (2) 2 (Seasman 1, Hughes, pen 11)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 2 (Hinshelwood 75, Mabbutt 77)
 Att: 6,989
Rotherham: Mimms 6, Forrest 7, Breckin 7, Hughes 6, Stancliffe 7, Green 7, Towner 7, Gow 6, Moore 6, ★**SEASMAN** 8, McBride 7.
Crystal Palace: Barron 7, ★**HINSHELWOOD** 8, Williams 6, Hughton 5, Cannon 6, Gilbert 5, Giles 6 (sub. Lovell 6), Murphy 6, Edwards 7, Mabbutt 7, Hilaire 6.
Referee: K. P. Barrett (Coventry)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (0) 0
FULHAM (0) 1 (Wilson 82)
 Att: 3,525
Shrewsbury: ★**OGROZIVIC** 7, Williams 6, Johnson 6, Petts 5, Pearson 6, Griffin 6, Cross 6, MacClaren 6, Brown 6, Stevens 6, Bates 5.
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6, Strong 6, O'Driscoll 6, Brown 6, Gale 7, ★**DAVIES** 8, Wilson 7, Coney 6, Houghton 6, Lewington 6 (sub. O'Sullivan).
Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Barrett 46, Kelly 88)
DONCASTER (0) 0
 Att: 3,617
Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Slatter 6, Williams, B 6, Williams, G 7, Parkin 7, McCaffery 6, Curle 7, ★**WILLIAMS**, D 8, Stephens 5 (sub. Kelly 6), Randall 6, Barrett 7.
Doncaster: Peacock 7, Russell 6, Little 7, Snodin 7, Cawthorne 7, Humphries 6, Pugh 6, Liddell 7 (sub. Mell 6), Douglas 6, Graham 7, ★**LISTER** 8.
Referee: V. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
 Sending Off: Humphries (Doncaster)

EXETER (1) 2 (Kellow 20, Pullar 88)
GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Price 47, Cascarino 66)
 Att: 2,409
Exeter: Bond 5, Kirkup 6, Viney 5, McEwan 5, Roberts 5, Rogers, M 4, Pratt 5, Rogers, P 6, Kellow 6, ★**DELVE** 7, Pullar 6.
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Sharpe 7, Sitton 6, ★**BRUCE** 8, Weatherly 6, Shaw 7, Powell 7, Tydeman 7, Grewcock 5 (sub. Adams 6), Cascarino 7, Price 7.
Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Tynan 51)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 3,464
Newport: Kendall 7, Jones 6, Vaughan 6, Relish 7, Stroud 6, Bailey 6, Lowndes 6, Elsey 7, Gwyther 7, ★**TYNAN** 8, Moore 7.
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Bellamy 7, Partridge 6, Green 6, Henson 6, ★**WILSON** 8, Kowalski 7, Windridge 6, Robinson 7, Henderson 6, Dawson 6.
Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

ORIENT (0) 0
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Gray 67)
 Att: 2,565
Orient: Day 7, Fisher 6, ★**PEACH** 8, Foster 4, Gray 5, Roffey 6, Godfrey 5, Donn 5, Houchen 4, Silkman 6, Taylor 7.
Bradford: McManus 6, McCall 6, Chapman 6, Lester 7, ★**COOKE** 9, Jackson 7, Gray 7, Gallagher 6, Campbell 6, McNiven 7, Mellor 6.
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Kent)
Match Rating: ★

OXFORD (0) 2 (Vinter 68, Thomas 72)
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
 Att: 4,729
Oxford: Burton 6, Linney 7, Fogg 6, Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, Brock 7, Barnett 6, Biggins 6 (sub. ★**THOMAS** 8), Vinter 7, Hebbard 6.
Bournemouth: Allen 6, ★**HEFFERNAN** 7, Sullley 5, Spackman 5, Brignull 6, Impey 6 (sub. Graham 5), Carter 6, O'Donnell 5, Morgan 6, Funnell 6, Crawford 5.
Referee: R. S. Lewis (Surrey)
Match Rating: ★★

READING (2) 3 (Earles 1, Dixon 42, 81)
PLYMOUTH (0) 2 (Cook, pen 59, Uzzell 67)
 Att: 2,102
Reading: Judge 6, Williams 6 (sub. White 5), Richardson 5, Beavon 6, Hicks 6, Wood 5, Bason 5, Earles 5, ★**DIXON** 7, Sanchez 5, Donnellan 5.
Plymouth: Crudgington 5, Nisbet 5, Uzzell 6, Harrison 5, Phillipson-Masters 5 (sub. Carter), ★**COOPER** 7, Hodges 5, Cook 6, Sims 5, Gooding 6, Rogers 5.
Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Harrison (Plymouth)

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SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (Edwards 17, Kenworthy, pen 54)
PRESTON (1) 1 (Kelly 34)
 Att: 14,527
Sheff Utd: Conroy 6, Kenworthy 7, Garner 7, ★**McHALE** 8, MacPhail 6, Morris 6 (sub. Henderson 7), King 7, Arnott 7, Edwards 7, Young 7, Curran 7.
Preston: Litchfield 7, Walsh 7, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 6, Westwell 7, Gowing 7, ★**KELLY** 8, Bell 7, Elliott 6, Naughton 7, Bruce 7 (sub. Houston 6).
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHEND (1) 2 (Phillips 41, Elson 72)
LINCOLN (0) 0
 Att: 2,836
Southend: ★**CAWSTON** 9, Stead 8, Yates 6, Otulakowski 7, Moody 8, Hadley 8, Pountney 7, Phillips 8, Mercer 7 (sub. Greaves 6), Pennyfather 8, Nelson 8.
Lincoln: Felgate 8, Carr 6, Heath 6, Cockerill 8, Peake 8, ★**THOMPSON** 9, Neale 6 (sub. Bell 6), Turner 8, Hobson 7, Cunningham 8, Shipley 6.
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (1) 3 (Rafferty 20, Tait 81, Biley 82)
 Att: 2,922
Walsall: ★**GREEN** 9, Arthur 5, Mower 6, Beech 5, Marshall 5, Hart 7, Teasdale 5, Sinnott 6, Kearns 6 (sub. Round 5), Buckley 7, Preece 6.
Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 7, Sullivan 7, Doyle 8, Howe 7, Aizlewood 7, Webb (sub. Ellis 8), ★**TAIT** 9, Rafferty 8, Biley 6, Thomas 6.
Referee: D. Owen (Cheshire)
Match Rating: ★★★

WIGAN (2) 3 (Houghton 13, O'Keefe, pen 17, Lodge, pen 59)
BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Mahoney 9, Joseph 74)
 Att: 5,019
Wigan: Tunks 7, McMahon 7, Cribbley 6, Methven 7, Weston 6, O'Keefe 7, Lodge 6, Barrow 7, Bradd 6 (sub. Butler).
★HOUGHTON 8, Rogers 7.
Brentford: Roche 7, Tucker 6, Whitehead 5, Booker 6, Wilkins 6, Hurlock 6, Kamara 6, Bowles 6, Mahoney 7, ★**JOSEPH** 8, Roberts 6 (sub. Johnson 7).
Referee: G. M. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Whitehead (Brentford)

WREXHAM (0) 1 (Baker, og 75)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 (Cox, M 70)
 Att: 3,925
Wrexham: ★**NIEDZWIECKI** 8, Jones 7, Bater 6, Cartwright 6, Dowman 7, Hill 5, Hunt 5, Gregory 6, Fox 7, McNeil 6, Buxton 5.
Huddersfield: Cox, B 7, Brown 6, Valentine 6, ★**STANTON** 8, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, Lillis 7, Cox, M 6, Austin 7, Wilson 6, Greenwood 7.
Referee: A. Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Pashley, pen 40, Bamber 68)
SWINDON (1) 1 (Carter 20)
 Att: 3,593
Blackpool: Hesford 7, Simmonite 7, Brockbank 7, Deary 7, Hetzke 7, Serella 7, Noble 5 (sub. Stewart 8), Hockaday 8, ★**BAMBER** 9, Pashley 7, Downes 6.
Swindon: Allen 8, Baverstock 7, Baddeley 7 (sub. Pritchard 5), Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7, Graham 7, Carter 7, Hughes 7, Rideout 7, ★**ROWLAND** 8, Barnard 7.
Referee: P. N. Willis (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★

HEREFORD (0) 0
COLCHESTER (0) 0
 Att: 2,465
Hereford: Jackson 6, Price 7, Bartley 6, Pejic 6, Hicks 6, Spiring 6, Crabbe 6, Harvey 6, Phillips 5, Showers 5, ★**WHITE** 8.
Colchester: Walker 7, Cooke 6, Coleman 6, Groves 6, Wignall 7, Hunter 6, Allinson 6, ★**OSBORNE** 8, Lyons 6, McDonough 5, Leslie 5.
Referee: L. M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Crabbe (Hereford)

HULL (1) 1 (Flounders 39)
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Thomas 34)
 Att: 3,674
Hull: Norman 7, McNeil 6, Thompson 5, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 7, Booth 6.
★MARWOOD 8, McClaren 6, Flounders 6

(sub. Whitehurst 6), Mutrie 7, Roberts, G 6.
Wimbledon: ★**BEASANT** 9, Peters 7, Thomas 7, Galliers 5, Tagg 6, Morris 7, Evans 5 (sub. Gage 6), Ketteridge 5, Leslie 5, Downes 8, Dibble 6.
Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Massey 55)
YORK (0) 1 (Laverick 64)
 Att: 2,254
Northampton: Freeman 7, Brady 6, Phillips 7, Gage 6, Burrows 7, Heeley 8, Saunders 7, Saxby 8, Syrett 6, ★**MASSEY** 9, Denyer 6.
York: Jones 6, Evans 6, Hay 7, Sbragia 6, ★**SMITH** 8, Hood 7, Pollard 6, Ford 6, Walwyn 6, Byrne 7, Laverick 6.
Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar)
Match Rating: ★★★

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Linton 26, Winters 86)
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Stimpson 37)
 Att: 3,499
Peterborough: Seaman 6, Winters 7, Collins 7, ★**GYNN** 8, Firm 6, Rodaway 6, Slack 6, Linton 7, Cooke 6, Benjamin 6, Chard 6.
Hartlepool: Watson 6, Brown 7, Stimpson 7, Hoggan 6, Bird 6, Linighan 7, ★**BAINBRIDGE** 8, Lawrence 7, Newton 6, Smith 6, Johnson 6.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 0
BURY (0) 0
 Att: 2,888
Port Vale: Siddall 7, Tarrt 6, Bromage 7, Hunter 8, Sproson 6, Cegielski 6, Sheldon 8, Moss 7, ★**ARMSTRONG** 9, Ridley 6, Chamberlain 5.
Bury: ★**BROWN** 8, Gardener 6, Kenworthy 6, Gore 7, Hilton 7, Bramhall 7, Madden 6, Parker 5, Johnson 6, Jakub 5, Cruickshank 5.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (0) 0
CHESTER (1) 1 (Thomas 25)
 Att: 1,489
Rochdale: Pearce 7, Blair 6, Snookes 7, Williams 7, Trainer 6 (sub. Thomson 6), Weir 7, Farrell 7, ★**HAMILTON** 8, French 6, Wellings 6, Hilditch 6.
Chester: Millington 6, Bradley 7, Lane 7, Storton 6, ★**ZELEM** 8, Ludland 6, Sloan 7, Thomas 7, Allen 7, Johnson 6 (sub. Dean 6), Cooke 6.
Referee: K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Hunter 28)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Shrubbs 86)
 Att: 1,309
Scunthorpe: ★**NEENAN** 8, Keeley 7, Oates 6, Fowler 6, Boxall 7, Hunter 7, Cramack 6 (sub. O'Berg 6), Parkinson 6, Cowling 6, Telfer 6, Pointon 6.
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 6, Gillard 6, ★**BRILEY** 8, Wood 7, Jopling 7, Shrubbs 6, Banton 7, Goddard 6 (sub. Sanford 6), McDonald 6, Brodie 6.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★

TORQUAY (1) 3 (Cooper 23, Sheridan 81, Bishop 83)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
 Att: 2,079
Torquay: Horne 7, ★**COOPER** 8, Smith 6, Sheridan 6, Jones 6, Wilson 7, Gallagher 7, Doyle 6, Wigginton 6, Grapes 7, Bishop 6.
Stockport: Lloyd 6, Rutter 6, ★**SHERLOCK** 8, Thorpe 6 (sub. Wardrobe 5), Bowles 6, Smith 6, Emerson 5, Park 7, Williams 6, Phillips 6, Quinn 6.
Referee: L. Burden (Dorset)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (2) 2 (Hamilton 24, Kerr 40)
BRISTOL CITY (0) 2 (Ritchie 48, 51)
 Att: 1,534
Tranmere: Endersby 6, Burgess 7, Mooney 5 (sub. Ferguson), Parry 6, Hamilton 6, ★**WILLIAMS** 8, Powell 6, Hutchinson 6, Kerr 6, Mungall 6, Griffiths 6.
Bristol City: Shaw 7, Stevens 6, Newman 6, Williams, G 6, Boyle 6, Riley 6, ★**ECONOMOU** 8, Bray 6, Cooper 6, Ritchie 7, Crawford 7.
Referee: P. A. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (2) 2 (Provan 34, Aitken 41)
DUNDEE (0) 0
 Att: 19,122
Celtic: Bonner 7, McGrain 7, Reid 6, Aitken 6, McAdam 7, MacLeod 6, Provan 7, ★**McSTAY** 8, Nicholas 6, Burns 7, McCluskey 6.
Dundee: Kelly 6, McGeachie 6, McKinnie 7, Glennie 6, Smith 7, Fraser 6, Fleming 6, ★**BELL** 8, Kidd 6 (sub. Sinclair), Davidson 6, Mackie 6.
Referee: D. Downie (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★

DUNDEE UNITED (2) 2 (Malpas 18, Dodds 40)
ABERDEEN (0) 0
 Att: 11,683
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 6, Malpas 7, Stark 6, Gough 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Britton 6, Milne 7, Kirkwood 6, Sturrock 6, ★**DODDS** 8.
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, McMaster 6, Cooper 7, McLeish 6, Miller 6, ★**STRACHAN** 8, Simpson 7, McGhee 6, Bell 7, Black 6.
Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)
Match Rating: ★★

HIBERNIAN (0) 0
ST MIRREN (0) 0
 Att: 5,471
Hibs: McArthur 6, Sneddon 6, Schaedler 7, McNamara 7, Welsh 6, Callaghan 7, ★**BRAZIL** 8, Flavell 6, Rae 7, Murray 6 (sub. Rodier 6), Duncan 6.
St Mirren: ★**THOMSON** 8, Wilson 6, McCormack 7, Copland 6, Clarke 7, Stark 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Richardson 7, Abercrombie 6, McDougall 7, McAvennie 6.
Referee: D. M. Galloway (Pitlessie)
Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
 Att: 2,300
Morton: Baines 6, Houston 7, McLaughlin 6, Holmes 7, Duffy 6, Rooney 7, ★**DOCHERTY** 8, Cochran 7, McNeil 6, Hutchison 7, Ritchie 6.
Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, McDicken 6, Robertson 7, Armstrong 6, McLurg 6, ★**CLARK** 8, MacLeod 7, Bryson 6, McLaine 7, Bourke 6, Gallagher 7.
Referee: T. Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
Match Rating: ★★

MOTHERWELL (0) 2 (Cleland 74, Carson 79)
RANGERS (1) 2 (Prytz, pen 7, Redford 65)
 Att: 19,159
Motherwell: Sproat 7, MacLeod 6, Carson 6, McLelland 7, Forsyth 6, Rafferty 7, ★**FORBES** 8, McLaughlin 6 (sub. Clinging 6), Gahagan 6, Irvine 7 (sub. Cleland 6), Edvaldsson 6.
Rangers: Stewart 7, McKinnon 6, Dawson 7, ★**MCLELLAND** 8, Paterson 6, Bett 7, Cooper 6, Prytz 7, McAdam 6, Redford 7, MacDonald 7.
Referee: A. Waddle (Edinburgh)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Carson (Motherwell)

First Division

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Coyle, og 46)
DUMBARTON (1) 2 (Stevenson 32, Blair 64)
 Att: 1,200

AYR (1) 2 (Larnach 43, Frye 56)
ALLOA (1) 1 (Lloyd 18)
 Att: 1,228

CLYDE (0) 0
FALKIRK (1) 1 (Smith 20)
 Att: 630

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Hughes 27)
RAITH (0) 1 (More 59)
 Att: 531

PARTICK (0) 1 (Wilcox, og 73)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 1 (Jenkins 51)
 Att: 2,500

QUEENS PARK (1) 1 (Cook 32)
HEARTS (0) 2 (Marinello 53, Bowman 69)
 Att: 1,817

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 3 (Rutherford 67, Brogan 77, 85)
HAMILTON (0) 0
 Att: 1,519



Bryan Robson scored against his old club West Brom, but it couldn't stop Manchester United going down 3-1 at The Hawthorns.

Second Division

ARBROATH (1) 3 (Shaw 29, Steele 48, Hill 82)
ALBION ROVERS (1) 1 (Conn 21)
 Att: 541

EAST FIFE (0) 3 (O'Brien 55, 69, Hunt 73)
EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Renwick, pen 40)
 Att: 331

MEADOWBANK (2) 2 (Hendrie 9, 38)
COWDENBEATH (0) 0
 Att: 200

MONTROSE (0) 1 (McManus 53)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (1) 5 (Cloy, pen 11, pen 65, Gordon 46, 55, Alexander 62)
 Att: 250

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
BERWICK (0) 0
 Att: 350

STIRLING (0) 2 (Colquhoun 51, Leetion 80)
FORFAR (0) 0
 Att: 450

STRANRAER (0) 1 (McDonald 78)
BRECHIN (1) 2 (Mackie 44, Campbell 89)
 Att: 200

Saturday, Aug. 28

(Omitted from last week)

Division Four

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (McDonough 47)
HALIFAX (0) 0
 Att: 2,610
Colchester: Walker 6, Cook 7, Coleman 6, ★**GROVES** 8, Wignall 7, Hunter 6, Allinson 5, Osborne 6, Lyons 6, McDonough 6 (sub. Bremner), Leslie 6.
Halifax: Smelt 7, ★**NOBBS** 8, Carr 6, Evans 6, Goodman 6, Wood 6, Hallybone 5, Davison 5, Staniforth 5, Spooner 5, Ward 6.
Referee: R. S. Lewis (Great Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

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